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Canton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Haverhill, Sept 20. 1864

Majors J. C. Thomas

Ct. Col. Gen. W. Smith, Esq.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the
detail of

A. H. Gregory, aged, 44 yrs. 5 ft 8 in high. Hazel
eyes - mixed fair fair complexion by occupation
a merchant, enrolled this day in Harris
County,

for service in this

Please order him to report to me
for assignment to duty -

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Wells
Capt & Agent.
actg etc.

Central Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hawthorn, Sept 10. 1864

Majors J. C. Thomas

Capt Co. Sen. H. West. Es.

Majors, I have the honor to request the
detail of

A. H. Gregory, aged, 44 yrs. 5 ft 8 in high, hazel
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for service in this

Please order him to report to me
for assignment to duty -

Very respectfully, your obedient servant

W. H. Kelly

Colt Agent.

acty etc.

Wm. S. ...
 Of Chf Insp &c.
 Houston Sept 10th
 Mr James D. McQueen will report
 Capt A. G. Mills as on
 for duty for thirty days
 at the expiration of which
 time he will report
 at this office
 C. A. Bunk
 Major & 9th

Captain Bunker Sept 2nd
 Houston Sept 10th
 Mr James D. McQueen
 will report to Capt J. E.
 Bunker, at Richmond, to be placed on duty
 by him in repairing cotton bolls & process
 in East and County - In addition you
 when the work is done to pay for the
 labor -

C. J. Mills
 Capt & 9th
 New York

Cotton Juneau, Dept Trans 4th
Haverton Sept 10. 1864 ✓

Maj W. H. Haynes.

My Clothing Juneau.

Shenepost, Ka.

Capt Broadwell is on the Rio
Grande - I have no authority to give
orders on the Dietists referred to.

C. C. Wells,

Capt 49th

Adj. Gen.

Quartermasters office
Haverton Sept 10. 1864

J and Steel Esq.
Care Capt Fitchell. San Antonio
Tex

✓
Your order of the 3rd inst is at hand. I have as
requested issued the proper exemption on the
certificate transferred to you by Mr Sanglap
and forwarded it to Capt Fitchell at San
Antonio for delivery by him to you.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
C. C. Wells
Capt 49th

Quartermaster's Office
Haverton Sept 10. 1844

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Capt J. B. Smith
San Antonio
Sir

At the request of Jared Steel of Port Sullivan Milam County,
I enclose to you for your exemption No. 217 for ten bales of
cotton. This exemption is based on a certificate issued by
J. B. Cunningham agent for Robertson and Milam Counties,
on the 20th of June last in favor of Wm & D. D. D. and
was assigned on the 20th inst by the sample to Jared Steel.
Before granting the exemption, please see if you have
yourself ever issued one for this cotton, and if so cancel
the enclosed exemption and return it to me - I call

your special attention to this matter as it has the
appearance of irregularity to me. If you have
issued an exemption for the cotton it will be
proper to hand the enclosed to Mr. Steel -

I have paid Mr. Zacharie for 7 bales India
Bagging - 2520 yds - This Bagging, I believe
has been previously accepted for to Capt. Herrett
as taken up - How much I do to prevent
my liability for this lot of Bagging - It has
been used long ago by Col. Hutchins or by
you - I do not recollect which -

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

W. B. Steel

Capt. R. A. M.

atgth

Tracy Cotton Office
Houston Sept 10th 1864

Gen Admnd Cap
Columbia.

Sir

I have this day shipped you
3 coils Manila Rope weighing 341 pounds
also for

Col S Brown (of Brown Regiment).

1 Bale containing

2 coils India Bagging 60 yds.

1 coil Green Rope 64 pounds

1 coil Twine 83 pounds

Please forward the Bales to Col S Brown Plantation
first opportunity and forward receipt for above
shipments to this office.

Very Respectfully
Wm S. Wells

Tracy Cotton Office
Houston Sept 10th 1864

St. Helena Cap
Vulkyra

I have this day shipped

St. M. Graham

16 coils Manila

5 Bales India Bagging

which please forward first by first opportunity
You will please forward to this office

Tracy Cotton Office
Houston Sept 10th 1864
Very Respectfully
Wm S. Wells

Estimable Bureau Dept of War
Houston, Sept 10. 1864

Colt J. C. Smithell,
San Antonio

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your several favours of
Sept. 1st & 2nd inst. - In the contents. I
thank you for your attention to Mr. Rosenberg & will
be glad to reciprocate when in my power - His
case was a hard one to him & required some con-
sideration at our hands. If you will send
me Receipts for the payments you have made
on my account I will return them signed -
they now stand at your credit here -

I now send you the duly papers forwarded by
you some weeks since, as you notify Col Hutchins
that you will make your own papers hereafter, including
the whole of 3rd Co. - I am glad you have been
induced to take charge of the Texas Diet, as it will
greatly facilitate our operation and at the same time
make your own more satisfactory to yourself -

Please execute monthly Receipts to me & forward
them for me to sign - To enable me to make my
entries here please attach to the Receipt a list
showing the names of parties from whom received
& the lots as received - The Wilson & Chinski lots you

will please Receipt to Col Hutchins for -

Very respectfully O. C. Smithell

Sept 10

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trade, Miss
 Houston, Sept 10. 1864

Carl A. B. Robinson, Esq.
 Nassau

Sir -

Referring you to my letter of Aug. 3. 64.
 I call your attention to the lots of Cotton and
 Bagging & Rope for which parties in your
 District are accountable to the Govt. I now
 send you a letter of July 22. from Dr. Whitehead
 to Mr. Gordon which shows that some parties are
 using the Bagging & Rope for their personal benefit.
 Please claim the right of the Govt to the Cotton
 if you can. Of course they must be paid for
 the last Cotton, but they cannot use the Bag
 Rope without paying for it under the rules.

Please make every effort to forward to Mr.
 Hand the Cotton stated in mine of 20th Aug.
 in shipping to have stake on the Bill of
 Lading that it is for use of the 'Black'
 old Department - I have to account
 for it separately -

Very respectfully

C. E. Webb

Capt -

Cott 1 -

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Law, Miss.
Houaton, Sept 10. 1864.

Freeman Reynolds Esq. Of -
Baitrop.

I have your favor of 8th inst. -
Re: Mr. & Messrs. Ball, Hatchings & Co.
No. 1 One hundred Bales Cotton Taking
this duplicate receipt stating Bales,
pounds, classification and grade which
I purchased - Said me one Receipt
for settlement with the parties -

Bagging & Rags will be sent you from
Alleyton within ten days -

Very respectfully
Yours at serv
C. E. Wells

Capt. Rags -
Recd.

If Messrs. B. & Co. desire you to undertake the
forwarding of this Cotton, I see no objection
to your doing so.

C. E. W.

Quartermasters office ✓
Houston Sept 10, 1864

A. M. Wilson Esq Capt
Logansport

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 4th & 6th insts and note contents. You will continue as heretofore and ship all cotton to Capt Swickell at San Antonio. The wish cotton from your section of the State to go to that point. You can purchase the bagging from Mr. Nichols at 70¢ per yard and the rope at 6¢ if you can not obtain it at fifty cents. payable in cotton at schedule rates. Schedule rates for cotton when we last have been advanced 30 per cent over old rates. You will bear this in mind in paying for the cotton. I have no use for the other articles. Enclosed find certificate of farm P. Nordhausen under date Sept 5th 1864, for \$632.25 and exemption No 221 for 12 bales cotton weighing 6348 lbs.

Very respectfully
Your obt Servt
B. L. Wells
Capt & a gm.

P. S

You will not ship any cotton to any point until advised to do so. I have drawn on you for all cotton you can supply for some time to come

B. L. W

Quartermaster Office
Houston Sept 20. 1864

Wm. Reynolds Esq. Capt.
Post

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and
note contents, I have written Capt. Twitchell to supply
you with BX rope from San Antonio. Enclosed find
certificate of date Aug 31st favor J. C. F. Hill for
\$790.00 and remittance no 325 for 6 Bales cotton weighing
3009 pounds, which you will please deliver.

Respectfully yours
Capt. Twitchell
Capt. Hill
Capt. Hill

I have an order on you today favor of
Capt. Twitchell \$100 for 100 lbs - as per your
letter of 24th inst. Enclosed find certificate of date
you within ten days. Please delay shipment
to San Antonio until this order
is filled. If convenient I would prefer
to give you other orders on you for delivery
of cotton and thus relieve the pressure upon
me here to some extent.
Wm. Reynolds
Sept 12

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Sept 10. 1864.

Capt A. P. Hopkins,
Galveston, Tex.

Capt -

Send me by return train or
as soon after as possible the

7 Bales India Bagging

3 Bales Mexican do.

reported by you as on hand in your
letter of 6th Aug.

No time is
always a question of freight to settle
with the R.R. when the property is not
shipped by a Govt Officer or Art at either
end of the line, you had better get Capt
Dwyer or Capt Pendleton to ship it for
you - you putting it on the train, of
course.

That Galn Root is a strange concern &
although under charter the Art always
continues for freight and the Govt Root
shipped by you.

Very respectfully

Your obedient

L. G. Wells

Capt Keady.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 10, 1864

57 back reg apt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst. with and note contents. I have handed in your op as sent down to be made out for payment. The Chadwick cotton is of a lower grade than I have any use for.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm

Cotton Received From this Dept.

Houston September 12th 1864

Wherby certify that the Schooner Del Pilar, Captain
 Martin, now lying in Brazos River and bound for
 New Orleans is laden with Cotton received from this
 Bureau in payment of Army supplies imported and
 to L^{ts} Col H. S. Mitchell. L^{ts} M. C. B. A. for the use
 of the Confederate States.

Ship's Mate

187th 49 Bales weighing 22986

187 3 " 1192

187 48 " 22956.

Total this Date is 48262

C. G. Wells
 Captain 102nd
 Army Corps

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.
Huntsdon. Sept 02. 1864.

Major J. S. Thomas

Chf. Gen. Ser. West. Dist. Ser. Huntsdon.

Major -

I have the honor to request the detail of
Joseph Baldwin - aged 48 yrs. belonging to the same
Coys. - enlisted in Liberty County - occupation
farmer -

for service in the Cotton Bureau, as assistant Agent
in Liberty, Hardwick & Chambers Counties.

Please order him to report to me for assignment
to duty.

Very respectfully

J. O. Hill

La C. Hill

Capt & agt.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston, Sept 12. 1864.

✓
Cec.

✓ I have the honor to request the detail of:
Joseph Poldine - aged 48 yrs - occupation farmer
residence Liberty - enrolled in Liberty
County, and assigned to Reserve Corps -
for service in the Cotton Bureau as assistant
agent in Liberty Wardlaw & Chambers Counties,
and for the transportation of the Cotton, delivered
on R.R. to points, where it can be made
available for shipment to Rio Grande -

I respectfully call your attention to the en-
closed copy of Genl Order No. 1 - Sept 11. 1864.
I trust the application will be
acted upon at your earliest convenience -

Please order him to report to me for
assignment to duty.

Very respectfully

your obt. servt.

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt. No.

Conf. Clk.

✓
Lee D. B. Hartis

Chf. Com. Sec. for State of Texas

Rueh

See -

Book no. 1000

My dear Mr. Garrison
I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am
glad to hear that you are well. I am well and hope
these few lines will find you the same. I have not
time to write you more at present. I am, dear Sir,
Yours truly,
J. A. A. A.

3-7-61

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and with
 contents. I am very glad to hear of your
 prospects in your new office of the 1st inst. and
 trust after having a day or two in the
 not like I see it is a very good one. I
 have much to do at present and cannot
 visit the north of the Atlantic. I shall be
 out of our line in the 1st inst. and
 am not able to visit you. I shall be
 at the 1st inst. and will be at the 1st inst.
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Quartermaster Office
 Houston Sept 12. 1864

Maj. H. P. Langham

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst. and in reply
 to grant you the use of the store for the purpose of
 having the goods put down for the use of the soldiers
 having no other means of obtaining them. I have
 permits in favor of 500 barrels and 1000 lbs of
 beans for the use of the soldiers. All permits shall be
 a practical expense the rest of the amount shall be
 the same expense as the rest of the same.

Very respectfully
 your obedient servant

Quartermaster Office
 Houston Sept 1. 1864

Maj. H. P. Belli
 San Antonio

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst. and in reply
 to grant you the use of the store for the purpose of
 having the goods put down for the use of the soldiers
 having no other means of obtaining them. I have
 permits in favor of 500 barrels and 1000 lbs of
 beans for the use of the soldiers. All permits shall be
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Very respectfully
 your obedient servant

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Quaternarius aff. d.
Houston Sept 12, 1862

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Mr. Wm. G. Brown
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst. addressed to Col. Buchanan and returned. I would be very glad to grant your request, but it is contrary to our rules and I cannot do it. If you want a copy of our rules before the meeting of the Association I will send you a copy in my next letter, and you can give it to the Association. That the government will be subject to some sort of review, and that I cannot keep my accounts straight - I have in two instances granted requests like yours in extreme cases, and both ended in difficulties and embarrassment. I have been forced against my inclination to allow an exception to the rule in favor of my party. You can show this to the Association and all this is intended under the circumstances to furnish you with a copy of the sufficient for so long, but of which to be on your account, in preference to other parties. This I hope will practically answer your ends and enable you to obtain the strength with little delay.

Very respectfully
Yr. obedt. servt

W. G. Foster
Hempstead

San Antonio office
Houston Sept 12, 1864

F. B. Boring Esq. ad.
Harrisville

Sir

✓ I am in receipt of your two communications of the 9th inst and note contents. I cannot accept the proposition of Mr. Robinson. He likes all other parties must conform to the rules of this office and I cannot afford him no relief. Let him like others turn over to sales what he has ready of shipment and he can then receive an exemption for the like quantity and so on with his other cotton when ready for delivery. The Cotton Bureau was established to obtain cotton at certain definite rates, and can only grant exceptions when a like quantity and quality can be obtained over the regular market. It has no discretion. Our present prices for PRR are 70¢ per lb for the one and 60¢ per lb for the other payable in cotton at schedule rates (excepted). I am sending you a list of the prices for parties in the neighborhood of 1000 lbs. and I am already forwarding shipments for part of the regular cotton.

Very respectfully
Yours at St. Louis
H. B. Wells
Harrisville

Quartermasters office
Houston Sept 12, 1864

Stone Egg agent
Brenham

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst and
note contents. You will send down your account
you can for your services take cotton up to the
1st day of July at old prices, the new prices will soon
be put in services yet since that date.

Very respectfully
yrs obt Servt
G. H. Wells
Capt & agent

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 12. 1864

John Holston Esq Capt
Albany

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst and note contents. You can return the cotton to Mr. Arnold, and give him the no. of bales sold as near as possible, under than over. You will get back Col. Hutchins receipt from Mr. Brooks.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 12 1864

Mr. W. J. John Esq Capt
Houston

Sir

Enclosed please find a letter from of the 1st inst addressed to you and Capt Arnold. I am not saying about nor how it got into his office.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 12, 1864

Major agt
Victoria

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and
note contents. When it becomes necessary to put an order cotton
call on. Major Holt's attention to represent the matter to
him for his action. You will probably make yourself
trouble by acting personally. When B. H. is furnished to put
cotton in report. It will of course be stated as unboiled
cotton and only single notes will apply. You will in such
cases furnish the quantity of B. H. necessary to put all
the cotton in order B. H. when you furnish bagging for
or baled cotton. As the B. H. and Latham are genuine
government agents. but know little of them or their business.
I suggest your withdrawal to Major Holt for all informa-
tion you need on this point. It is not necessary for the
holders of certificates to come here personally to collect
them. If they will accept them and forward to a bank for sale,
I will pay to the party who presents the certificate the amount thereof
as soon as I am placed in funds. I have no specie here
and can only pay such drafts debts by draft on me on.
Perkins our agent in Mexico. These parties prefer it to
have sold under paragraph 2. and they have not decided
their action. You can cancel the call and purchase
answer under paragraph 1. Enclosed find receipt for
from Mr. Taylor for 4 bales weighing 1928 pounds and a deposit
account for 6 1/2% the under date Sept 7th 1864

Very respectfully
Yours
L. G. Wells
Cotton agent

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 2, 1864

John H. Harris Esq agt
Sext Home

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2^d inst addressed
to Col. Hutchins and note contents. I will as requested
recommend Major Wille to issue the permit to his property, on
the receipt here of the proper affidavit being made by
the parties showing the rights of Mr. Culpepper to the permit,
and sworn to before a Notary public, and certified to by
you officiously to be correct. Let the affidavit state
clearly and fully all the circumstances of the case, and
endorsing the dates recd.

Very respectfully
Yours obt Servt
C. H. Wille
Capt & agt

Quartermasters office
Houston Sept 12. 1864

to Mr. Heane Esq.
Whitlock

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and note contents. You must apply to Capt. McKinney for all relief you need. I cannot afford you any assistance. I told you when you were down I had no authority to make such a contract as yours.

Very respectfully
yrs. obt. Servant
B. L. Wells

Cotton Bureau West Point Tex
Houston Sept 12. 1864

W. M. Perkins Esq

to account of

Abraham Lincoln Mexico.

Sir - I have this day drawn on you a
3rd favor I. R. & Co for \$8000 being
in full payment of Cotton - Please pay
when presented - Capt. Lynch has
to allow him to advance it for
Banc - if he decides to do so.

Very respectfully

W. M. Perkins
Capt. Lynch
Banc

15th 1864

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.
Haverton, Sept 12. 1864.

Three days after sight of this first of exchange (remitted) pay to the order of J. R. Bass. Eighty five \$100. in coin - being for half value of three Bales of Cotton delivered by him to Govt. in Gonzales County - and charge, with or without advice to Official acct

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Cotton Lincan Dep't. S. H.
Hawston, Sept 12. 1864.

Capt C. G. Wells Acty. C. G.

asking for order for A. C.
Rountree, Maj: to impress
Cotton in Guinea Co.

a. a. S.

Yours order to
impress A. C. S.

done

Lancey
Col. A. C. Jones.

Letter B. - C. - 28.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Mees
Houston Sept 12 1864.

Cal.

I have the honor to state that the Agents
of this Bureau in Grimes County report the
following cases for impoundment, as the parties
named refuse to comply with the offers made
to purchase their Cotton under Govl Orders
Act No 1rs #34 #35.

Joac Parks	50	Bales Cotton
John White	8	"
Mrs Gibson	20	"
Mr P McCarty	8	"
Mr Wagners	30	"
Jack Baker. guardian of his son Sue Baker	40	"

The parties have been reported to Maj L. C. Rountree,
the regular impounding Officer for the district,
but he asks for an order from Act No 1rs -
before proceeding to impound - Although I do
not think he can hesitate to work at once under his
orders, & without waiting for an order from Act
No 1rs still it will secure his action to have the
order & I respectfully request that it be issued -

Very respectfully

Yours affly
C. G. Wells

Cal A. S. Jones
Agent State

Capt H. H. H.
Cal

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept of War Miss
Donatan Sept 12. 1864.

I have the honor to state that the Agents of this Bureau in Guines County reports the following cases for improvements, as the parties named refuse to comply with the offers made to purchase their Cotton under Seal Orders, Dec 1st 1864 \$84 + 85.

Joan Parks	50	Bales Cotton
John White	8	
Wm Gibson	20	
W. P. Alberty	8	
Mr. Wagoner	20	
Jack Baker. quantity in his hands	40	

The parties have been reported to Maj. L. C. Donatan, the regular improving Officer for the district, but he asks for an order from Dec 1st 1864 before proceeding to improve. - Although I do not think he can hesitate to work at once, under his orders, I must wait for an order from Dec 1st 1864. It will seem in action to have the order & I respectfully request that it be issued. -
Very respectfully
Your obedient
C. E. Wells

✓ Col. H. Jones
Off of Sept 12

Sept 12 1864
C. E. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept House Miss
 Houston Sept 02. 1864.

Wm. R. R. R. R. R.
 Liberty, Tex.

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favour of 26th & 27th inst. & make comments - I have applied for Dr. J. A. Baldwin to assist you. But I want you to retain the agency & let him act as Assistant Agent under instructions from you. As soon as the detail comes I will forward it. In the meantime you may place him on duty if you choose -

Please fill up the descriptive list stating your age &c. &c. except office - include any clerk or assistant you may have - Baldwin for instance - engage Mr. Troy at that Liberty to receive & forward Cotton from that point, provided it can be procured - Give him full instructions about shipments &c. &c. have to report them - &c. &c. he accepts your time on your list -

I prefer to pay you, under the old rules, the goods in sale in Cotton - as the appreciation of C.S. money, I would make your charge appear exorbitant on paper. For all the contingents necessary expenses, use the O.S. notes as far as they will go & then apply for more.

Hold the West Cotton until further orders - but ship all the other Cotton coming to me - I will make arrangements to pay Betell his \$2000 - this month.

Very respectfully,

C. G. Wells

Capt. R. A. F. C.

Captain Bancroft, Miss.
 at Fort. Mifflin. Sept 12. 1864
 Co. 1st. Inf. Mass.
 Gungah (Dunsmuir) ✓

Capt - I have your favor of 8th inst & note con-
 taining - I regret exceedingly that so many
 difficulties have to be encountered by you and
 disclaim all intention to give you any trouble
 in matters connected with the Office or to with-
 hold from you any powers which under my
 instructions I can delegate to any one -
 would prefer that every Officer & Agent was
 directly accountable for his acts to the General
 & properly disciplined or approved by his District
 as this would relieve me of a vast amount
 of labor & responsibility; but as we cannot
 in the case I am forced to do the best I can
 under the circumstances so as to accommodate
 the people in the greatest degree & facilitate the
 operations of the District Officers & Agents -
 In the matters specially complained of I find
 upon reference that the difficulty generally has
 been about your certificate rates, & except that you
 do not intend the Paragraphs as to enable me
 to acknowledge how the settlement is to be made
 no serious case I gave Capt. W. H. Smith here
 Capt. Smith for you - Capt. W. H. Smith here
 some two weeks since for Oglethorpe & it
 go on & see you - It is not my fault

that he has not -

In Case case the error was clearly made in my
~~Office~~ your certif case Par 2. 1/2 coin 1/2 paper.
 I can only account for it by the fact of having left
 blank vouchers & exemptions there during a necessary
 absence - The right number having been accounted
 for & did not examine the calculations - As
 a general thing I do not have time to examine
 into the correctness of the account I sign, as the
 press of business prevents me giving my personal
 attention to matters - I am aware how deeply
 I might be involved by an error of one of my
 assistants but they are very correct generally & I
 am forced from the nature of things to rely upon
 their papers. In this case I send you a
 new certified asc. & a dpt on Mr Perkins for \$85.00
 Please have the old cert. &c cancelled & returned to
 me.

In A. Davidson's 2 Bales you say plainly 1st Par.
 No 10 the Article is wrong
 as it should say 1/2 Specie & he has written
 about it to say that he may possibly prefer to
 sell 1/2 his Cotton under 1st Parag. & I have given
 him a letter to you or your successor, to change
 it for him if he wishes it -

In B. D. Key's case you leave the Parag. blank -
 On the paper attached to it you say he sold
 all - this escaped the attention of the clerk who
 made up the papers - Please have the Cert. &c
 sent back & I will have them made up

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area - Excess will occur in the best
regulated offices - mine is not well regulated
I have work for twenty men & am only
thirteen gone. Still when the certificates
sent me are plainly filled up according to
instructions we manage to do the business
properly - The clerks of course look only
to the instructions sent to the agents. If they
lack in any particular they make up the necessary
papers as well as they can for the benefit of
Govt - I am so overrun with visitors, &
so constantly employed with letters & business
that I cannot pay that attention to detail,
which my personal safety requires that I
should - Whenever I am wrong, or
my own acts or those of my assistants, I
am perfectly willing to own it & try to
make amends, and if you still think I
need repeat you can administer it as freely
on the occasion warrants - But I do not
want you to hold the idea any longer that
I am neglecting to assist you or any other
officer of the Revenue in carrying out your
orders - You have several times written
letters under this impression, but I disclaim
again any such feeling on my part
Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Comptroller
of the Revenue

Mr. J. J. Lynch
 Gonzales

Sir:

Enclosed find certified accounts as follows:

Sept 5th	for M. P. Matthews	for \$312.50
" 3rd	" " " "	" 15.00
" 5th	" " " "	" 6.00

According to my other letter of this date I have enclosed over the rectified acct for B. S. Key, also a draft on Mr. Perkins for \$9.25 being the amt of specie due. Please send me the old account and any others which may have been asked, inproperly upon here -

In advising these drafts to Mr. Perkins, I have asked him to pay them to you if you so desire it. In this way you may have the satisfaction of sending the coin itself to the parties. The receipt of it will go far to mitigate the severity of their feeling against you & the Bureau, and the delay in Gonzales -

Sincerely,

Your obt. serv
 W. G. Bell

Wm. H. Hays
 W. G. Bell

Get down - As the Hays are about to publish the President's Regulations - there will be no use of either you or me any more longer - I have written Col. B. but if my case has failed to reach him, please tell him the matter is decided upon -

1st

Sept 28

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas

Houston, Sept 12, 1864

Three days after sight of this First of
Exchange (Second unpaid) pay to the order of
B. J. Key, Fifty seven \$100 dollars in coin - being
half the value of three Bales Cotton delivered by
him to Govt in Gonzales County - and charge to
Official acct with or without advice, of

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Actg. Off.

J. H. A. Perkins Esq

Co. S. General Act

Matamoros, Mexico.

2nd

Sept 28

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas

Houston, Sept 12, 1864.

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Exchange (First unpaid) pay to the order of B.
J. Key, Fifty seven \$100 dollars in coin - being
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J. H. A. Perkins Esq

Co. S. General Act -

Matamoros, Mexico -

Quarter master's office
Haverton Sept 12, 1864

Lt. N. White Esq. agt
Anderson

Sir

Enclosed find certified copy and receipt in full for
amount of dated Sept 11 1864 from E. W. Cantham for 1882 7⁵²
from 120 233 from E. W. Cantham for 19 Bl. washing 940 141
" " 230 " 5th class " 17 " " 3848 "
" " 242 " 6th St. washing " 10 " " 4092 "

Very respectfully
your obedient

C. C. Mills
Capt & Com

Cotton Bureau Sept 13 1864
Haverton Sept 13. 1864

Hon. A. Pendleton G. A.

Will please furnish Messrs
R. D. G. Mills transportation for (300) three
hundred Bales Cotton on N. York & Providence
R. R. when shipped by the Agent of this
Bureau at Columbia consigned to them
at Haverton -

C. C. Mills
Capt & Com.
C. C. Mills

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Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 12, 1864

Faison Esq agt
Sulphur

Sir

Enclosed please find exemption as follows—

Exemption No. 221	J. H. Leigh	for 12 Bales weighing 5236 pounds
" 240	J. A. Faucher	" 20 " 15056 "
" 239	L. Randall	" 11 " 5408 "
" 238	J. H. Robinson	" 8 " 3742 "

Very respectfully
y^r obt^d Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agn

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 12, 1864

J. D. Foote Esq agt
Houston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst & note contents. I cannot make out an exemption to you as assignee of the Alexander's certificate for reasons given to you in my last. Enclosed you will find the exemption No. 224 in favor of Mr. M. F. Alexander for 78 Bales weighing 38006 pounds and certified account under date Sept 7th for \$3026⁷⁴/₁₀₀

Very respectfully
y^r obt^d Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agn

Quartermasters office
Houston Sept 17th 1864

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Enclosed find certified as one upstein as follows -
 Receipt of from J. H. R. for 6 Bai weighing 2922 lbs
 Sumpter May.. August for \$818.00

Very respectfully
yours
Wm. H. Mills
Capt & Agm

Quartermasters Office
Houston Sept 12, 1864

John Holston ~~Alger~~
Birmingham

Enclosed find certified receipts as follows

Lump sum for N.R. Perry dated Sept 7 th	for \$1078	84
" " J.A. Brock "	Aug 30 th "	711. 16
Lump sum #237 " N.R. Perry for 15 Bales cotton weighing		6884 lbs
" " 236 p J.A. Brock "	15 "	7321 "

Very Respectfully
yours &c
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm

Central Bureau Rept Trans Miss
Houston, Sept 12. 1864.

General

I have the honor to request the detail
of Th. H. Lang, Co. 3rd Tex Inf. under the
following circumstances -

Mr. Lang is & has been an agt of this Office for
Dallas County since its organization under Genl
Hutchins. As such he was supposed to be exempt
from conscription. Another ground for his ex-
emption was the fact of his suffering from
neuralgia. While acting as Agent he
has been enrolled & assigned to 2nd Tex Regt by
Special order from Genl Martin, Chf Gen Service,
dated & dated Aug 4th 64. and his application
to go before a Board of Surgeons refused -
He has reported to his Regt & I have obtained
a furlough of 30 days for him, to enable
him to close up his business with this Office.
Fifteen days of his furlough have already
expired & it is not probable it will be renewed.
As he has been so long connected with this
Bureau & his services are still necessary I
trust this application will be granted - He
wound a campaign in Arizona, and on the other
side of the Mississippi until his disease com-
pelled him to ask for a discharge -

Very respectfully
Genl E. A. Smith.

Commanding 1st H. Regt -

San Antonio -

Gratison

Co. G. 1st Regt

Capt. D. A. B. B.

Wm. Sept 15th 1845
 Texas bottom office

Mrs. S. H. Wharton
 Memphis

Dear

Yours at Memphis

I have this day shipped to
 3 Box New Bays 90 yds.
 1. Blue dye 100 yds.

for which please forward receipt to the office

Very Respectfully
 C. S. Mills, Agent
 [Signature]

Texas bottom office
 Wm. Sept 15th 1845

Dear Mrs. C. J. [Name]

I have this day shipped of
 1181 pounds
 900 yards

1181 lbs. Blue dye
 900 yds. Blue dye

for which please forward receipt to the office

Very Respectfully
 C. S. Mills, Agent
 [Signature]

Tring House Office
Quater Sept 13-1849

Wm. H. Linn
Esq.

When do you expect you at the office.
Our Rate here being (in 2 half pence) 850 per
the advantage might please to the office.

The Office appears to be 5 pence should have been
but 4 pence very respectfully

Tring House Office
Quater Sept 1849

✓ Col. H. H. Dunning
Esq.

I have your to day to the office. Will
be with you anything 850 per
the advantage might please to the office

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Linn
Esq.

Cotton Bureau, Texas, Miss Dept -
Houston, Sept 18. 1864 -

I hereby certify that the Schooner Charles Russell
was taken into Cotton received from Government
through this Office, in payment of Army Supplies
supplied and sold by J. H. House to the
States for the use of the Confederate

[25] 6 Bales

6540 pounds

33

23.206

[15] 100

61.955

200 Bales

81.744 pounds

C. G. Yell
Capt & Comd.
Army

J. H. House -

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Jackson. Sept 23. 1864.

Capt J. S. Lynch

Gonzales, or Brownsville

Capt...

I have your favor of Aug 28. Sept 4. 64. in my contents.
I send you two papers for signature of Lind & Matthews. This
is the plan we have adopted for accounting for Cotton raised -
Please have them signed & returned to me as early as you can &
say - H. S. Lind - 589. 34. 2

Jas J. Matthews - 589. 15.

Your permits, for some you had full authority to issue
if my approval is necessary you have it hereunto -

I trust you have been able to find a successor -
If not please make use of one of your friends in Gon-
zales to close up the papers put you in this enclosure.

Please make up your account for services to date &
send it to me - I will have it paid as you desire -
If you want Cotton for it through the Texas or Parramore
and the account through one of them with an order
for its payment - If you would prefer a draft

on Mr Perkins, ascertain first whether he will pay
my draft for that purpose. Forward your account
direct to me with your request for a draft -

I do not believe I want anything in Brownsville
especially as I have no means of paying for it - but if
there should be any gray cloth, Brown &c. in the Clothing
Dept at any time I would like to get enough for a suit - I
believe I would have the right to buy it - There is none
here -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

C. G. Wells

Quartermaster's Office ✓
 Houston Sept 13 1864

Major S. B. ...
 Houston

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst. regarding
 supply details. Enclosed find 20 details being all
 those who would be detailed from your own. This matter regarding
 your branch obtained from this office and you must take the responsi-
 bility to supply for any more for your. I notice you have had
 an order published from the state commandant of the 1st
 Mississippi Cavalry Office not to interfere with details
 in your employment. That you can get along with this
 without any further action from this office. You have
 had more than double the number of details than
 is in use of all the departments at the same time on this side of
 the Granddame River and I really think as many as you
 can now make any use of, and should I make any more
 applications for you it will not much attract my ability
 to obtain the requisite details for other branches of the
 Bureau and make me liable to severe reprimands. The
 rules adopted by this office require that only one man
 shall be detailed for every forty bales transferred, and
 at these rates you have enough detailed to transport 3500
 bales, more than enough to carry out all the cotton on
 your contract at one load. There is considerable complaint
 in influential circles at the number of details obtained at
 this office, and rules are becoming very strict as to obtaining
 details, and I cannot consistently supply any further for
 your branch of the service.

Very Respectfully
 John A. Smith

Sept 14 1864

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 13. 1864

Dear Agent
Care Springs

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst for 1000
and more barrels. I intended by Mr Pool sending you
some baggage and rode but he has gone off without taking
it. though I expressed my wishes to him. I have some
other laid aside for your outside will it by the next oppor-
tunity

Very respectfully
Yours etc
C. G. Mills

Captain Bureau Sept. 13. 1864.
Houston, Sept 13. 1864.

Major H. Paralelton Q. M.

Will please furnish Agents
at this office Transportation for (35) thirty five
barrels cotton, on W. T. & Son's D. R. when
shipped by the Agent of this Bureau at Columbia
consigned to them at Houston.

C. G. Mills
Capt & Agent
at Springs.

Quartermaster's Office
Houston, Sept 22, 1864

J. B. Magrath
Major

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of 18th inst and am glad to hear that your wants are supplied. It is far from being an ordinary undertaking to supply the Quartermaster's Office with such an amount of goods, and we have to make use of whatever means we can obtain. I am not in possession of funds to the extent of \$100,000 for cotton purchases under paragraph 2 and can only in such cases give draft on the Treasury. In all cases of purchases under paragraph 2 where the cotton has not been delivered, and the funds are exhausted, and you cannot get the cotton and purchase a new order for paragraph 2. I have always been opposed to the proposition contained in paragraph 2 as it is impracticable for us to promptly carry out its provisions, but for as that the purchases be made under paragraph 1 and that it is much more in the interest of all concerned.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Hall
Quartermaster

Inspection office
Houston Sept 12. 1864 ✓

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and note contents.
Enclosed I return the contract with Mr. Barry. If he sold low
-idding of course he must deliver that grade. As to
-quantity of cotton put up in bales it is out of the question,
and Mr. Barry must conform to the rules of this office
like any other individual. I have no objection to pay
for purchases made under paragraph 2. and if Mr
Barry indicates you can cancel the purchase from
him, and purchase anew under 1st paragraph.
Enclosed find lot of bank certificates as requested

Very Respectfully
J. Ott Scott
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Sept 12. 1864 ✓

B. G. Wells Esq
Montgomery

Sir ✓

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and note contents.
Enclosed find detail of J. W. Baker renewed as requested. That
the waggoners are in the service of the Bureau is a sufficient
proof of their from imprisonment. Enclosed find also a list of 5
negroes belonging to H. H. West of Montgomery.

Very respectfully
your att Serv
B. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

✓
H. H. White Esq Agt
Anderson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst and note
contents. The receipt for the certificates you enclosed
have been forwarded. I have applied for the order of
imprisonment of the same as requested.

✓
Very Respectfully
your att Serv
B. G. Wells

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 13th 1864

N. W. Faison agt
LaGrange

Li

Games of the 100th met at home & I ^{closed} ~~ended~~ year
will find the regular 17.50 per game - ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~total~~ ^{total}
analysis as follows by date & cost per 16 14.00

... 60.22

• • • • • Total Labor - 15,775 ft. • • • • • 36.40

1891

Hesperis No. 247. from the Ophryon s. below ... 94/100

- 245 - J. C. Moore - 2 - 1035.

- 246 - J. Anderson. 4 - 211/2

24. 6. 1954

Very respectfully
yrs obt Servt
J. G. Wells
Sept 4 a gm

Quartermasters Office
 Tucson Sept 12, 1868

W. M. Lang Agt
 Marlon

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst and note contained. I can not forward the application upon request in form of \$5 drafts until you have according to order forwarded your ^{application} to this office. Exemptions in no case will be forwarded in advance of the receipt of the proper certificates from the agents. I am not in funds to pay drafts for purchases made under 2^d paragraph and have found it impracticable to obtain it from Mexico in sufficient quantities to meet such payments and you are instructed to make no purchases under that paragraph. I have always been under the impression that it was much more to the interest of all concerned that all purchases should be under the 1st paragraph. Should any letters come to your address I will forward them to you as requested. When six pounds of rope is not enough to cover a hole on a life of rope, you will furnish what is absolutely required, and charge for the quantity furnished. It is extremely difficult to furnish B & R and we have to make use of what we can obtain.

Very Respectfully
 Your obt Servt
 G. G. Wells
 Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 13. 1864

J. B. Cudding
Harrisburg

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and
will send you. Ship all damaged rope to this place at
once.

Very Respectfully
Your old Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 13. 1864

E. J. Cook Esq agt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst. all right -
Enclosed find blank certificates & bills of sale as
requested.

Very Respectfully
Your old Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston Sept 12 1864.

J. A. Reader Esq Esq -
Tennessee.

Sir.

Your favor of 9th inst is at hand. The
Order to Sale not down yet.

Referring to your letter of Aug 25 to Lt. Col. Perkins,
I now enclose you the exemption for the 4 Bales
taken by you in payment of your old account.

Mr. Percy requires to know what lot or lots this
4 Bales was taken from - Please send him the
information on a slip of paper in your reply.

I have somehow got the impression that I sent
you the exemption for this 4 Bales sometime
ago - If so please return this - If not please
say so - I will be satisfied with your denial
without looking over my record.

Send along Cotton as rapidly as it arrives -
I believe I can pay freight now as fast as they
become due, but as I have to make arrangements
for coin to meet every call it is impossible to
place any in the hands of the agents. Specie
is as scarce as hard teeth with us -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Conf. Secy

Adg. Clk.

Manufacture Office ✓
Houston Sept 22 1864

J. H. McLaughlin Esq
Porter & Buff

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst enclosing
B/L of 100 bales cotton shipped to Port with bill and note
contents. When parties refuse to all you will the
matter with the name of the party and all other
surrounding material facts to the proper impressing
office of your district for his action. Major
Davis at New Orleans is the party charged with impressments
for your district. The cotton belonging to the
Brazos Manufacturing Company has been impounded
by order of Genl. Kirby Smith. But you will
not take the mere statement of a party that this
cotton belongs to the company. But will require
satisfactory evidence to be exhibited to you of the
fact.

Very respectfully
your obedt servant
W. G. Miller
Capt & Agent

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Sept 28. 1864

Wm. L. May
Capt
Infantry

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst requesting
exemption for Mr Bennett. I can not furnish the
exemption until you forward your certificate as per
instructions before given you. Enclosed I forward the
certificate I allude to. I hope I believe before furnished
you with a list filled up as it should be. When parties
desire action you will fill up a certificate like
the enclosed and on its reception here the exemption
will be returned to you.

Very respectfully
Yours at S. C.
L. G. Mills
Capt & Quar.

Quartermaster Office
Houston Sept 13th 1864

Dear Sir

I have receipt of yours of the 9th inst and note
understanding. I have noted your order
and will supply them as soon as practicable.
It is exceedingly difficult to keep up a supply of
H. H. & Co. It is a heavy article and the roads, runnels
and teams both dislike to bring them. It is no small
undertaking in times like these to supply the whole
from my self with H. H. & Co.

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
W. G. Wells
Capt & a gun

Quartermaster Office
Husston Sept 13. 1864

F. J. Cook Esq
Husston

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst and note
concerning. If you have use for the services of L. N. Bell
and he is in compliance that admits of his detail I will
apply for him and order him to report to you. but I can
not apply for the detail ~~for~~ party because some relative
has used the government bottom and ~~under~~ the
detail is granted. Such proceedings would not be
honorable on our part. If you really require the services
of Master Bell apply for him again and set out the de-
scriptions required by the regulations. I do not understand
the description unless you have set it down. The party
is not a conscript for he is under age. he is not lat-
tally enlisted in the same corps for the same reason,
and I am not aware of their being any State Troops.
If Mr. Bell has enlisted in any company with the written
consent of his parents or guardians, then I can not
have him detailed for orders are emphatic, that no
more men will be detailed from the army. and I know
from experience it is useless to try. If however he is not
enlisted as before stated he can be sent without a
detail. I mailed to day for you a lot of blank
certificates with of course.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
G. L. Miller
Capt & Co

Master's office
Houston Sept 12. 1864

Gen Stone Esq Capt
Branham

Sir

Yours of the 12th inst is at hand. I have enclosed
your certificate and charged Lett Cooper with 50 yds
digging & 75 lbs rope as required. Enclosed I return
J. W. Anthony and C. J. & S. D. Baither certified as aimed for the
absence of which I apprehend you sent them to this office.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
C. H. Mills
Capt & agnd

✓
 Cotton Broom Left from Miss
 Hancock. Sept 8. 1864.

Mr. J. C. McNeil Jr.
 Columbia.

✓
 Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 28th inst. and
 note returned. I enclose the exemption
 for 22 Bales Cotton as requested. Also
 a certified account for its value in
 new currency \$2000 00. If you choose
 I will add 50% to this amount and
 pay it in old currency. I would prefer
 doing so, as I have plenty of old money
 & no new.

I do not send the certifi you want for the
 wagons as there is no necessity for it -
 Your Teams will pass through or near
 Clinton, Ark. Hill Co. Maj. J. S. Gabel is
 stationed there to issue permits for Maj.
 Willie & thus save people the delay expense
 & trouble of going to San Antonio.

Apply to them & you will not meet
 with any delay in reaching the Rio
 Grande.

Very respectfully

J. C. McNeil

J. C. McNeil

Sept 10

Ark.

Quartermaster's Office ✓
 Jackson Sept 14th 1864

Dr. M. J. [unclear]
 [unclear]
 Sir.

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst and will con-
 curre. The forty two bales cotton you refer to has been
 received and the following is the weight classification and
 price of the same.

Ordinary	7	Bales weighing 3345 lbs	at 8 cents
Good ordinary	24	"	" 11957 " " " "
Low middy	11	"	" 5470 " " 1292 "

The Bureau is authorized to
 purchase cotton on two plans, one where all the cotton
 is sold out to a party or some on which went out pay one
 half the cost and the other in specie by giving a receipt on the
 Bureau and agent in the latter plan, the other where the
 party receives half his crop in which went out pay for the
 half purchased in the latter, and give an receipt against
 improvement for the other half with right of reclamation.

When we are informed under which
 plan you elect to sell we will be ready to settle with
 you. From the amount due you as above is to be deducted
 of course the value of the B & H of the furnished you.

Very respectfully
 your obt. Servt
 L. H. [unclear]
 [unclear]

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 2nd 1864

Major J. L. Thomas
Chief Quartermaster Service, Western District of Texas
Houston.

I have the honor to request the detail of the following named parties all of whom are residents of Fayette County, Texas and have been conscripted by Capt S. A. McCallum Enrolling Officer Fayette County - to wit -

George Hanger	39 yrs - 5 ft 7 in - Gray eyes. Dark hair. Florid complexion, a cultivation farmer, native of Connecticut -
J. R. Rutledge	25 yrs - 5 ft 8 in - Blue eyes. Auburn hair. Florid complexion, a cultivation farmer, native of Georgia -
Robert Lewis	17 yrs - 5 ft 9 in - Gray eyes - Light hair. Fair complexion a cultivation farmer. Native of Georgia -
Clayford Backus	24 yrs - 5 ft 7 1/2 in - Gray eyes. Light hair. Fair complexion, a cultivation farmer. Native of Missouri -
Ed Williamson	30 yrs - 5 ft 10 in. Hazel eyes. Dark hair. Dark complexion, a cultivation farmer, native of Virginia -
Francis Schipper	27 yrs - 5 ft 6 in - Gray eyes, Dark hair. Dark complexion, a cultivation farmer, native of Austria -
Edna Luck	33 yrs - 5 ft 10 in Gray eyes, Dark hair, Dark complexion, a cultivation farmer, native of Germany -
Fritz Schwabe	20 yrs - 6 ft Blue eyes, Light complexion, a cultivation farmer native of Germany -

Charles E. Smith - 37 yrs - 6 ft 10 in. Blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Missouri
 George Knipfle - 29 yrs 5 ft 7 in. Blue eyes, Auburn hair, fair complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Missouri
 John Otto - 29 yrs 5 ft 7 in. Blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Germany
 Henry Otto - 27 yrs 5 ft 6 in. Blue eyes, light hair, fair complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Germany
 Wm. Deget - 30 yrs 5 ft 6 in. Blue eyes, Auburn hair, fair complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Missouri
 H. W. Green - 35 yrs 5 ft 10 in. Gray eyes, dark hair, dark complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Missouri
 Wayne Disney - 30 yrs 5 ft 6 in. Light hair, blue eyes, fair complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Alabama
 Henry Halkamp - 29 yrs 5 ft 7 in. Gray eyes, black hair, dark complexion
 occupation farmer, native of Germany

The services of all of these parties
 are important to the "Bottom Bureau" for the transpor-
 tation of government loads.

I would be under the necessity of reporting
 me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully
 Your obt. Servant
 C. G. Wells
 Captain & Quartermaster
 at the Bottom Bureau

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trade Affairs
 Houston, Sept 24. 1894

Gen. Henry C. Cox -
 Cincinnati, Tex -

2

Referring to your favor of 20th inst. and
 enclose the above papers - viz:
 his Bill for repairs. \$202.00

Check for expenditure of digging & Rigs.

Sale of Cotton to him -

Turn over to him enough of the same Cotton at
 schedule prices. To pay this bill - Get him
 to sign all the papers, where his name is
 wanted. sign the expenditure where I have
 written your name, & send all back to me
 as early as you can. Tell up in pencil

the amounts, sales, pounds & class of the Cotton
 you turn over to him. I have this

description & will send you his exemption
 authorizing its exportation.

Very respectfully

G. G. Webb

C. G. Webb

Gen. Henry C. Cox

Cincinnati, Tex.

Western American Dept Trans Miss
Harrison. Sept 24 1864

J. S. Lewis Esq. Esq.
Auripethead.

Si.

I have your favor of 8th inst. - concerning
your bill of expenses &c - The items
would not be allowed if sent on to Richmond,
consequently I have put in the amount as
drawn on a Auripethead 1864 - I include
also the man Smith's bill as for rent
of scale & plaster of 6000 for month.

In your own services I have made up
the acct a \$300 gross which is the actual
the G. A. Dept will allow, and although I am
aware it is inadequate, I have no authority
to make a greater allowance - The acct
is made up in old currency - being 6000 mon.
than the above items in the aggregate - You
can sign the voucher & send it to me for
payment by any one coming here - in
mean time you can pay whatever you receive
the money.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. E. Wells

Capt. Wagon

Adj. Gen.

* because you are supposed
to be supplied with everything
necessary for your agency -

Quartermaster Office
Houston Sept 14, 1867

J. B. [unclear] Esq
[unclear] Texas Nat
Galveston

Sir

The application for your detail has been
returned disapproved. I am as certain as possible
that being

Very respectfully
Yours obt Servant
G. C. [unclear]
Capt & Co

Quartermaster's office
 Garrison Sept 14th 1864

✓
 To the Major & Agent
 Richmond

Sir

✓ I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst. and
 get the contents and note contents. The Brady matter has
 been attended to. It is useless to attempt the detail of Smith
 for it cannot be obtained. Garrison will be supplied as soon as practicable.
 You can take at once the negro whom you wish belonging to the
 household and put him to work. When you have possession
 of him return the fact to this office with name of negro,
 color of eyes hair and complexion, his height and name and
 residence of owner and I will return that he is in our
 employ to the Labor Bureau and have him regularly detailed
 and his owner credited with Union his quota and send
 you evidence of the fact.

Very respectfully
 Your obt. servt
 C. G. Wells
 Capt & Agent

Quartermaster office 65
Harrison Sept 24, 1864

Thos. F. McKimsey Esq
Anson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th ult., & 2nd inst
Enclosing R/L for cotton shipped to me in this unit I. R.
Robins 20 Bales, J. Hancock 14 Bales, & 11 Bales, & H. B.
Hartup 25 Bales of contracts with John James, Etna and
Hall & Chandler -

Very respectfully
yours obt. servt
G. L. Wells
Capt & Agt.

Quartermaster office
Harrison Sept 24, 1864

Mr. Wm. Perkins Esq
Matamoras

Sir

Enclosed please find R/L for Thos. F. McKimsey Special
agent as follows: A. Etna 10 Bales of contracts with
himself, J. R. Robins 20 Bales & J. Hancock 14 Bales of contract
with John James, and H. B. Hartup 25 Bales of contract
with Hall & Chandler - Please send me weights and classi-
fications as soon as cotton is received.

Very respectfully
yours obt. servt
G. L. Wells
Capt & Agt.

Quartermaster's Office
London Sept 14. 1864

W. J. Mathews Esq
Gazetteer

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and note contents. I have no power to designate the point on the Rio Grande to which you can ship your cotton. This office merely issues an exemption against importation and which Mr. Willis or one of his agents issues a permit of exportation and designates the point on the Rio Grande at which cotton can be shipped. Maj. Cabell at London is an agent of Maj. Willis and he can give you the information you request. I believe however steps are being taken to open the trade at Brownsville if it has not already been done.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

Capt & Agm

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept 14. 1864.

Capt. J. E. Bennett
P. O. John Esq. C. Adams Richmond

Deliver to A. H. Kleiber on order (250)
Two hundred and fifty Bales Cotton, Taking du-
plicate receipts stating Bales, pounds, classification
and from whom purchased. Send one
receipt to this office -

C. G. Webb

Capt. K. A. M.

Adj. Gen.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept 14. 1864.

W. H. Foster Esq. At-
t. Houston -

Deliver to A. H. Kleiber
on order (250) Two hundred and fifty Bales
Cotton, Taking duplicate receipts stating Bales,
pounds, classification and from whom pur-
chased. Send one receipt to this office.

C. G. Webb

Capt. K. A. M.

Adj. Gen.

San Antonio, Tex.
 Capt. J. M. Wells
 Houston, Sept. 24. 1864

Major A. W. Wells

San Antonio, Tex.
 Major,

I refer to the matter before you, stating the
 Richardson's request to me to see that I issue the
 duplicates to him. I have always refused to
 do this for obvious reasons, and I cannot depart
 from my decision in this instance. However
 as the papers have been forwarded to Capt. Lynch,
 I will probably follow him to Brownsville, you
 may take the responsibility of issuing the papers and
 excuse yourself by writing Capt. Lynch to return
 you the certificates as soon as received.

Yrs. 28. Aug 3. 64. Capt. J. M. Wells

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The transfer to M. Richardson, in other case,
 does not invalidate the exemption.

Very respectfully,
 C. E. Wells

C. E. Wells

Capt. F. M. Wells

Cotton Bureau kept same files
 Houston Sept. 14. 1864
 J. Bartlett Esq. Co.
 Martin, J. L. Co.
 Sir,

I enclose a list the exemption
 for Fortune & Killbuck - 35 Bales, 19.713
 lbs. Low Middling - also the certified ac-
 count payment of same - \$4139⁷⁵ new currency.
 As we have no new currency yet, it may be a
 long time before we get it, I propose to
 add 50% to this amount and pay it in
 gold currency - If Mr. Fortune agrees
 to this let him sign the Acct. Fortune &
 Killbuck send it down for collection.
 I have written Mr. Hard the Agent at
 Parkersville, to forward this receipt for
 the remaining 14 Bales - As soon as
 received I will forward to you the exemption
 and certified account -

Very respectfully

J. G. Kelly

Capt. & Agt.

Ad. C. S.

As Capt. Lang has taken some interest
 in this matter please inform him
 that Mr. Fortune is partly released -

Matamoros office
Hguatón Sept 14. 1869

Mr. M. Perkins Esq
Special Agent
Matamoros.

Sir

Enclosed find 3/4 from F. D. M. King signed by
Jonathan Rogers for my collection as per
contract with Mr. Rogers -

Respectfully
att sent
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Dear Mr. [illegible] ✓

Sept 1st 1864

My dear [illegible] ✓

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst. enclosing
the [illegible] which I have shipped by [illegible] a separate
box with [illegible] papers and [illegible] contents. I shall
also Mr. [illegible] [illegible] with my [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]. In any matter which I have the authority to [illegible]
will afford you all the assistance in my power
to enable you to carry out your contract.

Very respectfully,

Your obedient servant,

[illegible]

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Col. J. B. Brown, Dept. of the Interior
Washington. Sept 1st. 1864

Dear Sir,

Paradiseville, Anderson Co.

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th Aug. 1864. and the
note contents. I am glad to receive the
certificate for Justice. As the delay has caused
some serious inconvenience I forward it to
Mr. Bartlett the 1st of March today -
Please forward the certificate for the 14 Bales
as early as possible. When you do so please
send also a statement of the quantity of Boards & Boys
used in repairs as I must get his receipt to
enable me to account for it.

I note your shipments to San Antonio, under
orders from Col. Broadwell. You will find
Mr. McAllister and are written to as one in
regard to the Gov. Cotton interest in Anderson
County. His specialty is canvassing and
purchasing - owns the receiving & forwarding
Cotton at your Depot - Col. Broadwell, at the
time looked only to the general good of the
County - Of course you will see to it
select the duties pertaining particularly to your
stations, whenever an order is improperly directed,

Very respectfully

Your obedient

J. B. Brown

Colonel

Regt.

Superintendent's Office V

Houston Sept 14, 1864

Wm. B. E. G. A. G.

Superintendent

Sir

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Clarke of about date with your packet to the same and make contents. Receive from Mr. Clarke the damaged baggage and the goods given him, and then send to him what he absolutely requires. When a party is furnished with damages P.R. you can send it back and please him, and furnish the parties with sound material instead. I will find all damaged articles returned or that I can have it properly understood and keep my accounts straight. It is not necessary to make a new contract with Mr. Clarke. I have received the 20 Bales of cotton

Very Respectfully

Your obt. Servt

C. G. Wells

Capt & Com

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Sept 20, 1864

Yours of the 13th inst enclosing
32 Bales cotton bought of J. Smith shipped to San
Antonio and 32 Bales part of A. Brown cotton on
order of J. Smith bound for San Antonio. You state your
weights of 7 Bales John Brown cotton and 42 Bales
of A. Brown cotton do not do so. I have the weights of Mr. Alperin
forwarded by Mr. Van Alstyne, so you only need forward
the weights. When you require the exceptions send forward
the exceptions as per instructions, when the proper exceptions
are regularly and promptly. I can not issue exceptions
on the request and statements contained in letters with
any degree of certainty and safety to myself. I shall await
the receipt of your certificate before I issue the exception.
Your request. I have noted your wants as to BDR and
will supply them as soon as practicable. It is no small
undertaking at times like the present to undertake to supply
the wants of the army. We are kept with such articles as Bagging
and rope. I assure you we are much more harassed
for the want of it than you can be. Please at once
see Mr. Alperin and ascertain under what paragraph he
wishes to specify cotton, and come your certificate in
conformity to his decision so we can settle with him.
I have purchases to be made under the first par-
agraph as I think it much better for all concerned
to have all purchases here to meet purchases under the
second paragraph, but we are forced to our drafts on

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 14, 1864

J. A. Overholt
Mellieau

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 13th inst enclosing
inquiry and classification of 23 bales cotton purchased
of Mr. John S. Rogers has been received and contents
noted. The return you make as to detailed men
sent in your reply is satisfactory.

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm

J. A. Clarke Esq
Hempstead

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 14, 1864

Sir

Yours of the 14th inst is at hand. I have written
Mr. Cook to furnish you with ~~quantity~~^{the} of Bagging and
rope you require on your turning over to him the
damaged bagging and rope before furnished you.

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Treas. Mess 77
Winston, Sept 14. 1864. ✓

John Holston Esq. Lt.
Allegany, ✓

Sir -

I have your favor of 9th inst. & its contents. I am glad to know that the Bagg & Rope has started. Do not neglect sending Bagg & Rope to Masons - I am making payments up time & thus relieving your agency & this office to a considerable extent -

I now send you the acct sales & exemptions
S. J. Redgate 22 h/c - (collect balance for me)
Martin Simble 9 " (what is this for)
John Holston 32 " (do)

Have the papers signed & returned to me - If the two latter are for freight, send me the freight Bills - or fill up \$05.22 in pencil & send them here signed - If the payments to your agency is an account only so. & I will charge it to you - As we are so overrun with business here, it will be safer if you enclose in each paper, when you return it, a statement of what the proceeds is applied to - If for freight state in full what for -

After a while we will make a pretty good G. D. of you - You are first rate now - all but no tape -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Cotg Exp.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept 24. 1864.

Genl A. S. Barmore, A. A. M.
Sibley's Sheet La -
Care of B. Lee, Capt & Agt
Beaumont -

Sir,

I have a receipt in favor of
some Vandy for fine (5) Sales ledger
delivered to me on Govt acct - and
have settled with Woodell & Vandy for
the same. Please put it in
motion so that I may get it in
some reasonable time. I forwarded
it to Capt M. B. Lee, Post G. M. at
Beaumont with instructions to send
to Houston at once -

Very respectfully
Your obt. servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt.
Sept 24.

In the market office
Houston Sept 15, 1864

S. A. Miller Esq agt
Crockett

Sir

Make an affidavit before a justice of the peace or
notary public, stating the lot of the cotton in the price at
Crockett, who it was purchased from, the number of bales
and pounds, and that it was cotton purchased by the U. S. State
belonging cotton Bureau, and the officer here in charge of
Capt C. G. Miller a gm. I must have the affidavit to account
for the cotton and settle my accounts. Please attend to this
with as little delay as practicable.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
C. G. Miller
Capt & a gm

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 15. 1864

F. C. Bailey Esq agt
Centerville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and note contents. I cannot inform ^{you} whether or not there is a agent of the Bureau in Nacogdoches County, that County lies in Capt W W Banette's district. Capt Banette's post office is Henderson and he will give you any information relative to his district you may require.

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & a gm

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 15. 1864

F. J. Cook Esq agt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 13th inst and note contents. I have had no receipt from F. J. Cook for ^{refuse}

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & a gm

Cotton Bureau, Dept Texas Miss 81
Houston, Sept 15. 1864. ✓

J. Ward Esq. At.
Parker'sville

Sir,

I have your favours of 15th & 21st. Incl &
enclosed contents - the shipments to Capt J. C.

Quichee & Maj R. B. Lewis are approved.

I had a lot of Bags & Rope turned over to
Mr. McLanahan by Mr J. H. Zacharie, which

I trust will answer your immediate wants.

If you are not in receipt of the former and

would you please apply for more - Two

separate also more sent you & Mr McLanahan

from this office -

There cannot be

found a spare copy of the Army Regulations.

My circular letter to Agents of a late date

will cover all it is necessary for you to do

Please apply to Mr. M.C. for copies of the

instructions sent him -

I think it is

necessary you should have all the information

If transactions prefer to come to Savannah.

I want you to ship cotton to Mr S. S. Venable

at there - The constant demand for cotton

here requires that I should draw from

all points east of the Trinity as far north

as Anderson County - You will consequently

ship to me as frequently as you can -

Very respectfully

Yours etc

G. G. Wells

Conf. Secy

at Wash

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston. Sept 15. 1864

Majors J. C. Thomas

Chf. Co. Ser. Fort Det Tex.

Majors

I have the honor to request the detail

of W. H. Drummie, aged 44 yrs - 6 ft high - grey eyes
dark hair - fair complexion - by occupation
a lumber merchant - native of Ohio -
enrolled in Harris County,

for the Transportation of Government Cotton
from Sabine Pass -

Please order him to report to me for
assignment to duty -

Respectfully,

J. A. G. Hall

C. G. Hall

Capt. 1st Regt.

Artillery.

Cotton Bureau, Sept same Miss
Houston, Sept 15. 1864.

Maj A. Perdue, G. H.

will please furnish Mr
E. B. Settle transportation by Rail road
to Beaumont for self, negro, two mules
and ambulance, on business of this
Office - his destination is Sabine town
on Sabine River he has no means for
getting there unless he takes a conveyance
with him -

C. G. Wells

Capt Vagn

Adj. Gen.

Cotton Bureau Sept same Miss
Houston, Sept 15. 1864

Capt A. B. Lee,

Post G. H. Beaumont,

Capt.

You will please furnish Mr E. B.
Settle transportation to Houston by Rail
road, on his return from Sabinetown,
on business of this Office, for self, negro.
two mules and ambulance -

Very respectfully

for att. serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt Vagn

Adj. Gen.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trade Miss
 Haverton. Sept 15. 1864 -
 Major A. S. Cabell G. A.
 Chintan, Detroit Co. Tex.

Major - I am now paying to Ball Kutchings
 \$500 at La Grange, Tennessee Mr. A. H. Garrison
 the local Agent of this Office (250) and
 hundred and fifty Bales of Cotton - To
 prevent the delay consequent upon the routine
 of sending notification to this Office and the
 issue of my exemptions in regular form, I
 propose to file this letter with you as evidence
 that the Cotton is being paid by Government.
 Upon this you will please issue a permit for
 each lot of Cotton as presented to you covered
 by a Bill of Lading from Mr. Garrison showing
 the Cotton described to be a portion of the 250
 Bales. To the extent of 250 Bales you will
 be secure. You can notify me at any time
 to send you my official Certificate of exemption
 covering any specified number of Bales already
 granted by you.

I do not issue the exemption in advance of
 delivery as I cannot describe the lots of Cotton
 as they may be shipped, and I trust you will
 feel authorized to facilitate the movement of
 the Cotton as suggested above.

Very respectfully,
 C. E. Hill

Capt. Brown

Quartermaster's office ✓
Haverton Sept 15, 1864

F. J. Cook Esq Capt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th ult and make contents. I have no objection to let parties who have sold cotton to the Bureau, to carry what and other cotton for themselves to the Rio Grande, nor have I any objection to apply for any details you certify are necessary for your agency, and it is perfectly immaterial who transports cotton, so it is done properly. What I object to is this - I do not wish any agreement to be understood in any neighborhood that we will grant a detail to any man who will sell us 50 Bales cotton, for I can make no such arrangement, and can only have detailed such parties as belong to no companies in other words unassigned conscripts and members of the Recruit Corps. Where however a party has sold us forty Bales, and it is so located that we wish to sent West, and the vendor is in a position to be detailed, I have no objection to have him detailed and transport the cotton. If you wish Mr. Ross to be detailed and he is a suitable party to be detailed, I will apply for him and order him to report to you. Bagging and Rope is a perplexing question to us all, all I can say is I will supply you as soon as practicable

Very Respectfully
Yours at Servt
L. E. Wells
Capt & Quar

Master-marshal office
 Houston Sept 15, 1864

Col. Thos. F. McKinney
 Special Agent
 Austin

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 13th inst and note contents. Your remarks regarding Mr. Gilmore will be brought to the attention of Col Broadwell when he returns, I know nothing of the man.

When we purchase cotton untaxed we furnish bagging and rope for the whole crop at the rate of 60¢ per yd, and found. the price to be deducted from the half sold the government. When cotton is already baled we furnish B&R but give the packer double schedule rates for it. I supposed all misapprehension as to rule for furnishing B&R has ceased to exist.

Very Respectfully
 Yours obt Servt
 J. G. Mills
 Capt & Agt

Quartermaster Office
Houston Sept 15, 1864

J. F. McKinney Esq
Austin

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst
enclosing \$12 for 413 cotton on a/c of contract
with L. G. Huffer.

Very respectfully
yours at Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster Office
Houston Sept 18, 1864

Mr W. Perkins Esq
Special Agent
Matamoros

Sir

Enclosed find Bill Lading from J. F. McKinney
for 413 cotton on a/c contract with L. G. Huffer.

Very respectfully
yours at Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster office
Houston Sept 15. 1864

Col J. B. Robinson agt
Moscow

Sir ✓

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst and
note contents. I will forward you bagging rope in
the manner you indicate as soon as practicable.
At present I am entirely out of B.R. but hope
to obtain a fresh supply within a reasonable time.
The report you forwarded by private hands
has never come to hand. I hope you will not
need the services of an impressing officer, but
if necessary act promptly. Enclosed find lot
stationary. Blank contracts certificates & reports.
I have no more contracts printed ~~and~~ as soon
as I can have some struck off. I will forward
you some more -

Very Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
C. G. Wells.
Capt & agm

Central Bureau Sept 15. 1864
Huntsville Sept 15. 1864

J. S. Gay Esq
Huntsville

Sir.

I have your favor of 18th inst. - & note your proposition to import Bagging & Rope. I have referred the same to Col. Hutchins, who is not disposed to contract.

Your proposal seems to be based upon the exportation of unexcused Cotton - Under General orders #34 & #35 from Department Hd. Qrs. no such exportation could be made - A permit, or exemption can only issue under the rules of this Office, which I suppose you know through Mr. Bailey.

Very respectfully

J. S. Wells

Esq.

Capt & Agt.

Very Res.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept 15. 1864

Mr. John Esq. agt
Richmond

Sir

Enclosed find certified of dated Sept 14 1864
from S Vogel for \$500.00 and exemption No 257
for 5 bales weighing 2478 pounds

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agny

Quartermaster's office
Houston Sept. 15. 1864

Mr. M. Faicon Esq. agt
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 13th inst and
note contents. Exemptions from Robinson, Randall, Fowler
and Coffey have been sent you. Enclosed find exemption
and certified of as follows:-

Exemption No. 261 from J. F. Walker for 6 bales weighing 2928 lbs
" 260 " W. Gregory " 3 " " 1757 "
backdated Sept 11. from J. F. Walker for \$297.96
" " " 13 " W. Gregory " 4297

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agny

Quartermaster's office.
Hq. Union Sept 15. 1864

F. B. Bailey Esq. Capt
Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst
and note contents. Enclosed find remittance in
form of B. H. Walker No 259 for 43 Bales cotton
weighing 2065 pounds, and certified as dated
Sept 14 for \$46000. The draft to Mr. Bailey I paid
deducting 10¢. I discovered it was incorrect
by receiving draft in form of Mr. Pedder before
the first was presented. Enclosed find blank
Bills sale. If I have more, I will have more
printed and then send you more.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermasters Office
London Sept 15. 1864

J. H. Dunder Esq Capt
Rangoon

Sr

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and telegrams of the 10th inst and note contents. I have acknowledged your certificate for 4 Bales of cotton received from R. Reed, and know nothing of the 25 Bales to which your telegram refers. You say you have sent the proper papers to day for the exemption for the 25 Bales, but they have never come to hand. I cannot of course issue the exemption until I receive your certificate. Enclosed find exemption form of R. Reed No. 262 for 4 Bales cotton weighing 1000 pounds - and certified as dated Sept 13th 1864 for 10778. When the certificates are received for the remaining 25 Bales, I will divide the exemptions, giving one for 22 Bales and one for 3 so as to make five them on the shape Mr Reed wishes.

Very respectfully
Yours obt servant
C. G. Mills
Capt & a gen

Cotton Bureau Rept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept 16. 1864.

Major J. C. Thomas

Capt C. S. Foster Dist. Exp.

Major -

I have the honor to request the
detail of
Private Ben Reed - of Capt Demmans' Co. Reserve
Corps - Gonzales County - aged 44 yrs - 5 ft
of in. high - grey eyes - grey hair - dark complexion
- in - by occupation a wagoner - native
of Louisiana -
for the transportation of Govt. Cotton to the
Rio Grande -

Please order him to report to me for
assignment to duty -

Very respectfully

Yours &c

C. C. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Acty. Clk.

Cotton Bureau, Rept. Iowa this
Hawston, Sept 16. 1864. ✓

J. S. Vidder Esq. Cpt.
Taraconta.

Sir.

Since writing you yesterday, the Reed
papers have made their appearance, having
been sent to Col. Hutchins - I now send
you.

Col. Hutchins, Certif. & exemption of Bales
Haystack -

Col. Hutchins Certif. 16 Bales, Haystack - new
exemptions for 13 Bales & 3 Bales -

This division, with the exemption for 4
Bales sent yesterday, will enable him
to make the lots of 26 Bales & 3 Bales
as desired -

Have the vouchers signed and returned
to Col. Hutchins -

I enclose also Col. Hutchins certificate
for V. Ackerman, 8 Bales - 14432 which
please hand to him - The voucher
has been signed -

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

C. G. Mills

Capt. & Asst.

Actg. Secy.

From Cotton Office
 Hunter Sept 16 1854

J. D. Stone Esq
 Madras

I have shipped you as may be
 3 Sails India Baggins 540 yds.
 6 Sails English 812.
 12 Sails India 860
 1212.

will forward you some more as it comes to hand
 than acknowledge shortly

C. S. Stone
 Capt 1854
 Hunter.

From Cotton Office
 Hunter Sept 16 1854

J. D. Stone Esq
 Madras

I ship you on to day three
 10 Sails India Baggins 1200 yds.
 will forward you some more as it comes
 to hand

acknowledge shortly

Very Respectfully
 To the Hon.
 Capt 1854
 Hunter.

Very truly
yours

Wm. B. Allen

Dear Sir

I have just received

your letter of the 15th inst. and
am glad to hear that you are
well.

Very respectfully
yours

William B. Allen kept from this
Houston, Sept 16. 1864.

J. S. Vidar Esq
Tennessee.

Sir -

I have your favor of 15th inst. with
enclosures as stated -

I have forwarded the Rice papers by
this mail in accordance with your
request - I trust the delay will not
inconvenience the parties interested -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt -

C. G. Wells

Capt Vaguer

Atty Gen

From Boston office
 November 14th 1854

Dr. P. Smith
 Hampton

Dear Sir

I send you on this day a train
 of 1200 yards
 of Early Rhode Island Flax
 will forward the same as soon as it arrives

Respectfully
 Yours

Wm. Appleton
 Dr. P. Smith
 1200 yards
 of Early Rhode Island Flax

Very truly
 Yours

Wm. Appleton

I have the honor to acknowledge
 the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst.
 in relation to the purchase of
 1200 yards of Early Rhode Island Flax
 and in reply to inform you that the same
 has been forwarded to you by the
 train of this day.

Very truly
 Yours
 Wm. Appleton

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hannover Sept 16. 1864.

S. H. Jack Esq
Hannover.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 12th & 14th inst. [✓] [✓]
male contents - Bagging & Paper shall be sent
you in a short time from Alleghen, as I am
looking for a lot to arrive there -

I was satisfied you did not intend to do
wrong when you bought the exempted Cotton -
but the Regulations say that "no Officer soldier or
employee shall buy or sell on his own acct or for
others anything that the Govt uses" and as the
Govt uses everything just under the orders prevent
you & all of us from dealing in any thing -
I believe that morally, you have as much
right to buy & sell Cotton as if you were not
an agent, but the orders forbid it, and
the first intimation you would have would
be something troublesome, and I wished to give
you notice in time - So far no trouble
can come of it unless some of your neighbors
have charges upon it - It is best always to
avoid giving anyone the color of a reason
or ground for accusations - false though
they would be -

Very respectfully
L. E. Wells
Capt & Agt
Ad. Gen.

Walter Duncan kept from this
Houston Sept 16. 1864.
John Holsten Esq -
Albany.

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th but make
errors - The exemptions & sale for
Redgate Schutte & Holsten went by
by a late mail -

I have enclosed exemption & list of:

H. B. Sledge - 2 GL - \$249.50.

Sam Hake - 11 " 513.40.

If you have not already made a H. H. Sledge
exemption to him please do so - I have
a very improper letter from him on the
subject -

In paying Walter to Sledge or Arnold, do not
fail to have Col. H. Sledge's Receipt returned.

Mr. S. H. Sledge wants to take Sledge &
Joos the Rape - Send him some out of
the first lot received by you from the
State - Some 20 Sledge Sledge will be
turned over to you shortly.

Respectfully

Wm. H. Sledge

C. G. Wells

Capt. Sledge

Albany.

Keep the State Cotton
on hand until I
order you to turn it
over to King & Co.

Cotton Bureau kept from this
 November Sept 16. 1874.
 Ben Thomas Esq Esq
 Breunham

Sir -

I enclose exemptions & cent of c.
 J. Quinn 26 B/C \$1267.59
 do do 2025.96

enc. in blank envelope from you to day -

The difference in calculation is owing to
 the quantity of Bagging & Rope used. When
 only for the quantity required to Bale the
 Cotton is used we allow double schedule
 rates - where more than is then only
 single rates -

As soon as you get through with Mr.
 Stiles & Slack, please resume shipments
 at this point -

When your account is ready for settlement
 you shall take Cotton as before - except
 that your acct for this quarter can only
 be paid at our schedule rates - I

am not responsible for the advance or
 its application to your account - am
 only under orders -

Very respectfully

J. G. Smith
 J. G. Smith
 Esq & Agt.

Honolulu, Sept 16. 1864

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Mr. R. R. Ragsley

Honolulu P.O. Carey -

Sir,

I have your order of 6 bales of Cotton. Apply to Mr. Henderson for Baggs & Rope as he now has plenty to distribute. Obtain this receipt for the Cotton you have delivered & bring it with you to Honolulu. It will have to state the quality & weight of the Cotton & the cost of Baggs & Rope furnished -

Very respectfully

Wm. A. King

Honolulu, Sept 16. 1864.

A. W. Greig Esq

Columbus -

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 12th inst -

Your exemption for 15 bales of Cotton was sent to Mr. Halston, Apt at Albany, 12th inst & you probably have it by this time - The other matters in your letter do not seem to require any answer but a reference to your own judgment when you are in a calmer mood -

Very respectfully

Wm. A. King

✓
Cotton Bureau Dept New Mex
Alamogordo Sept 16. 1884

C. L. Battle Esq.
Eagle Lake.

Sir

I am duly today in receipt of your
favorable Vth but enclosing Mr. Barker's
receipt for 20 \$40 - for which I now
send you my exemption & certified of
for new currency of 1890 &c

To facilitate the movement of Cotton,
Maj. A. S. Cahell, at Chitane is authorized
to issue permits for Maj. Hillie - as
Chitane is on the lower road it will
be more convenient for you than either
Gonzales or San Antonio -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Webb
Do. G. Webb
Capt & agm.
Acty. Ch.

Esther Baneau Rept Hans Mees
 Houston, Sept 16. 1862
 Hugh Lewis Esq
 Gonzales.
 Sir -

I have your two favours of 12th - and I thank you for returning the two exemptions.

But Mr Davidson's case there is some difficulty or misunderstanding in regard to the terms of sale - Take out of the Post Office the late letters to ~~Wm~~ Lynch, and read the one referring to Mr Davidson's matter -

Please also call on Mr D. for what I wrote him on the subject - I agreed to pay him double prices for his Sea Island Cotton. I would prefer him to sell me only half his crop, and if he wishes to sell all he has the liberty to do so & I will send him a specie draft for $\frac{1}{2}$ & a certified acct for new currency for the other half -

Please also ascertain whether any exemption was given him - When Specie is given no exemption can be given for the Cotton, under the rules.

If you settle the matter with Mr D. he will either give you up the Cotton, or retain it according to the terms of the sale - that is if he sells all he will give it up - If he sells only half he will retain the 2 Bales and enough more to make up the half
 Wm, must not be to G. Kelly.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Affairs
Houston Sept 16. 1864

Capt. Geo. H. Harris

Sweet Home,

Sir,

I have your favor of 11th inst. and have inclosed the detail for Ben Hood, as requested -

The exemptions you sent me 1st & 3rd inst. are still here, not acted upon. They are all duplicates, and I cannot give on them until the originals are presented. I would suggest to you to call in the originals, and then apply to Maj Cabell to issue his permits upon them & thus save further delay to the parties interested. No duplicates should be issued of papers of this character. The safety of the business cannot be too securely hedged, & it certainly is not safe to give permits and original which they may retain after being put in possession of the permit on the duplicate.

I have forwarded the Brooks paper to the Agent for Colorado County & will advise you as soon as returned, what to do with Brooks Cotton.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Harris
Co. G. 1st Regt.
Capt. Harris.

Postau Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Hawthorn, Sept 12. 1864.

Major J. C. Thomas

Cy C. Ser. H. com. Dist. Tex.

Hayes.

I have the honor to request the detail of
Saml. G. Bennett - aged 28 yrs - 6 ft high fair
complexion, Auburn hair, hazel eyes, residence
at Hempstead, Austin County
for service in the transportation of Govt.
Cotton to the Rio Grande -

Please order him to report to me
for assignment to duty - He has
been recommended for duty in the G. & O.
Dept. under physicians certificate.

very nearly


Your cat cat

C. C. Hall

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Adm. Office
St. Louis, Mo.
Aug. 11, 1892



1. The first of these is the fact that the
 2. second of these is the fact that the
 3. third of these is the fact that the
 4. fourth of these is the fact that the
 5. fifth of these is the fact that the
 6. sixth of these is the fact that the
 7. seventh of these is the fact that the
 8. eighth of these is the fact that the
 9. ninth of these is the fact that the
 10. tenth of these is the fact that the

Bottom Bureau, Light House, Wash.
 Hamilton Sept. 17. 1854.

Major J. C. Sumner
 Capt. C. Van Hook, Dist. Co.

I have the honor to request the return of
 Genl. A. Sumner - aged 27 yrs - left night from
 Washington, D.C. on Sept. 17th, 1854, for
 service in the transportation of goods
 to the Rio Grande -

Please order him to report to me
 for assignment to duty -
 Your obedient servant
 J. C. Sumner

Very respectfully
 J. C. Sumner

Chief Quarter Master Office
 Hamilton Sept 17 - 1854

Mr. Sumner

I have shipped on the 12 inst
 1 Hogs and 2 Cows, D.C. by your order
 & have been left in the hands of the
 you will please acknowledge receipt of the
 same
 Wm. R. R. 11

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Wm. Duncan Rept Trade News
Haverton. Sept 17. 1854. 105

R. S. Willis Esq
Montgomery

Sir -

I have your favor of 15th inst - the
papers for Dr. H. Baker are in your hands by
this time, as they were forwarded some
days ago -

I have the loading for part of the 106
B Cotton from Mr R. S. Willis -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt & Co

Wm. Duncan Rept Trade News
Haverton Sept 17. 1854

A. B. Fuller Esq Esq -
Andover.

Sir,

Maj. Geo. H. Walker Esq at Waco, de-
sires a list of your purchases in Limestone
County, as he is now ready to supply the
Bagging & Rope - Send him the list
also stating what has been done with the
Cotton - Some of it has been delivered
to Capt. Barnetts Train - Some is still in
the shed -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt & Co

✓
Cotton Bureau kept same since
Houston Sept 23, 1864.

Maj Gen W. Walker,
Haco.

Sir,

I have your favor of 12th inst. and have instructed Mr Fuller to send you the list of purchases in Lincoln Co. also to state what has been done with the Cotton - Some of the Baled Cotton has already passed through your report on Capt. Darrett's train. Some is still in need - Among the reports filed here only 141 Bales have been purchased in that County.

The voucher, or order on Capt Amell for payment of Mitchell & Waltons &c, was sent to Rush to Col Mitchell, two months ago - He has written twice from Marshall for it, & I have written him to apply to the Postmaster at Rush the point he first ordered it to be sent to.

Very respy
G. A. Walker
G. A. Walker
Capt & Amell
Acty. Secy

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss -
 Houston, Sept 19, 1864 -
 Genl W. H. Washburne.
 S. La. by - San Antonio La.

Sir -

I am advised by the Agent for Montgomery County, that your Cotton, now in the Goliath's possession, amounts to 304 Bales - that 200 Bales will draw about \$1000000 about Low Middling - This is a general conclusion as he did not sample the whole lot - Mr. Goliath claims 16 Bales to cover advances he has made to pay Taxes &c.

You may determine whether you will sell all or only half - I would prefer to buy half only & give you an exemption protecting the exportation of the balance - This will enable you to sell your half of the Cotton with the exemption in the open market. None it would be worth to you 10% for the specie.

For the half sold to Govt I will pay you in new currency, when rec'd. double the Schedule prices - For the payment would be about 20 or 24% for the in new or 33 to 36% in old currency -

If you conclude to sell either way please send me an order on Mr. Goliath covering such instructions to him, as will prevent any delay about delivery.

Very respectfully

J. G. Webb
 Sept 20, 1864

Cotton Bureau, Dept of War Miss
Savannah, Sept 27, 1864.

Major J. H. Williams.

Capt Gen W. H. Smith Sq.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail

of R. G. Scott - aged 35 yrs. 5 ft 10 in high - dark eyes -
dark hair - dark complexion - occupation
farmer - native of Alabama - enrolled
in Robertson County -

John Williams, aged 42 yrs. 5 ft 10 in high - grey eyes -
black hair - fair complexion - occupation
farmer - native of Alabama - enrolled
in Robertson County -

W. H. Oliver. aged 36 yrs. 5 ft 10 in high - grey eyes -
black hair - fair complexion - occupation
farmer - native of Arkansas - enrolled
in Robertson County -

for service in the Transportation of Govt Cotton
to the Rio Grande,

Please order them to report to me for assign-
ment to duty.

Very resply

Yours &c -

C. G. Wells

Capt 1st Reg.

Reg. Tex.

Leokan Duncan, Capt. Trans. Div.
 Hawaiian Sept 17 1861
 J. H. Cunningham Esq. Capt
 Port Sullivan

Sir,

I have the honor of - but more contents -
 Send me a copy of the Receipts you have from
 Miles for deliveries to Edmunds - Tell Mr.
 Edmunds he must keep up your supply of
 Bagging & Rope - Give him receipts for the
 quantities you get from him & take dupli-
 -cate receipts for all you distribute to the
 Planters. All the Best Cotton, no matter
 how it comes into your hands - is to go to Mr.
 Edmunds, until further orders. You will please
 however, keep the whole matter clear so that each
 separate lot of Cotton can be referred to, when
 necessary.

I have applied for details for Scott Oliver
 Williams & will forward them to you as
 soon as received.

Very respectfully
 Your obedt. servt
 G. E. Wells
 Capt & Com.
 Acft. Div.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
Houston. Sep 20. 1864

P. A. Willis Esq. Capt.
Montgomery.

Sir.

I have your favor of 18th. 12 & have been
convinced by looking as stated - I have written
Genl Washburne about the Cotton in Galveston's
hands & asked him to send me an order for
it - it will come to hand shortly & I
will send it to you.

As the driver is in Galveston & may be here
I suppose all your teams will go to Express
thereafter - If Prices Teams come here I
will send you a load of Bagging & Rope -
if not will send it to Express.

Very respectfully

Yours att. serv.
C. E. Webb
Capt & Agt.
Ady. Insp.

Cotton Bureau, Sept 1st Miss.
Houston, Sept 17. 1864.

J. H. Macey Esq
Cedar Spring

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 30th
Sept & note contents -

I would greatly prefer the change you
propose to make in the sale of your Cotton
to look, that is, to sell only one half instead
of the whole - I find it difficult to
control the specie funds necessary to pay
for the purchase as contracted for - You
can show this to Mr Bailey or Mr. Orviss as
their authority to alter the contract -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt.
Cotton B.

Cotton Bureau Agent James H. Hill
Houston. Sept 17. 1864

Capt McKay,
Commandt. Negro Labor
Houston.

Capt -

I have the honor to state that the
Houston Compress is frequently called into
requisition by this Bureau, for compressing
Govt. Cotton for exportation. Mr. Cooper
the Superintendent & his assistants have been
detained on account of the service they render
the Govt. when necessary, and I recommend
that the negroes employed at the Compress,
be exempted from impressment for the
same reason. They are skilled hands

and their places cannot be supplied without
great trouble and delay - some of the hands
cannot be replaced at all if taken away.

I respectfully ask their exemption if
compatible with your duty and orders -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. E. Hill

Capt Fagan,
Asst. Secy.

Wm Duman Capt Brno Miss
Houston. Sept 29. 1864

Hq. S. C. Texas,

Ch. C. S. War. Dist. Tex.

Sir,

I have the honor to request the details

Henry Venisteyen - aged 26 yrs. - 5 ft 10 in high.

yellow eyes - dark hair - dark complexion -

occupation teamster - native of France

enrolled in Fayette County;

Frank Brundage - aged 26 yrs. - 6 ft high - blue

eyes - Auburn hair - dark complexion,

occupation farmer - native of Germany -

enrolled in Fayette County -

for the transportation of Govt stores to the
Rio Grande -

Please order them to report to me for
assignment to duty.

Very respectfully

Wm Duman

C. G. Yell

Capt & Quar.

Acty. C. S.

Arthur Brown Dept Trade News
Houston, Sept 17. 1884.

W. H. Williams Esq. et al.
St. Louis, Mo.

Sir,

Relative to Thomas Dale, Hapkins & Co.,
(200) One hundred and fifty. Dale's return
in addition to the amount already ordered.
See duplicate receipts from this agent
stating Dale's position as Association and from
those purchased. Enclosed Receipt to
me -

Very respectfully
Yours apt. serv.
W. H. Williams
Wm. H. Williams
Wm. H. Williams

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Miss
Houston, Sept 17. 1862.

Samuel Reynolds Esq Jh
Bastrop.

Sir.

Order to Messrs. Ball, Hutchings & Co.
(250) two hundred and fifty Bales Cotton,
in addition to the amount already ordered.
Take duplicate receipts from their Agent stating
Bales, pounds, classification and from various
purchasers, and send one receipt to me.

Very respectfully

Your obt serv

C. S. Wells

Capt Vagan.

Aug 21st 62

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trade, Texas. :
Houston, Sept. 27, 1864.

Dear Gen. Williamson
Cheneyfork

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 9th inst. The amt \$120. is old currency - we have none of the new in circulation.

It is hard to say what the spec value of U.S. C.B. Coupon Bonds would be here - They are worth about 15% premium in old currency - the old currency goes at 50 for \$1. or 25% on the dollar, which would make the Bonds worth about 2 1/2 % specie for each face dollar - I got this quotation from parties who know & I suppose it is tolerably correct - It is a awful depreciation.

I would be glad to have you interest yourself in obtaining an appointment as a Deeded Agent of the C.B. Dept for S. I. League - he is my brother in law - is in my office, and is almost indispensable. My application dated Aug 27th for him, has never been answered. I was informed by Genl. S. S. S. that I might be of good use here if I take up any of the same purpose for which I am sent. Col. S. S. S. wrote to Genl. Smith this week on the same subject -

Yours truly,
C. S. S.

Cotton Bureau kept from this ✓
Houston Sept. 27. 1862

Col. S. B. Robinson Cpt
Harris.

Sir.

I am just in receipt of yours of 3rd inst. ✓
for Mr. W. Lee with report of purchases -
very satisfactory - I am glad to note that
the purchases are generally made under 1st
paragraph -

Tell Col. Pettell to continue hauling
in Cotton - I will be prepared to pay
his freight Bils now on presentation -

try to have all the remnants I wrote you
of hauled in as early as possible, as I am
anxious to close up all the old business -
I have orders to turn over these remnants
as soon as received, and you will oblige
me greatly by getting them forwarded -

While at Peachtree Village try to make
the parties account for the four bags & hope
they come on their Cotton - I have had
the 14 bales at Patrick's being hauled in
checked -

Yours truly

G. L. Hall

Capt & C

Cotton Bureau kept in the office
 Houston Sept 17. 1864
 J. Cornwall Smith Esq
 San Antonio.

Sir -

As requested by Mr. J. L. Bailey, Esq,
 I enclose your Exemption No. 350. 22
 R/L - 11. 11. 11. - same of J. L. Thompson
 your former of Dist. are still owing
 me a balance of 22 R/L & 2000. in 1864 -
 R/L or new currency. on our old acc.
 made in June 1863 - I have always
 been prompt with you and have given
 you every facility compatible with my
 duty, but you have not treated me right.
 I am called upon for a settlement & want
 to make it, but so long as you are
 anxious in closing up & cannot do it.

Please write Mr. Walker to complete
 this business without delay. Your
 neglect to do so has placed me
 in a position which you or no one else
 have any right to subject me to.

Very respectfully
 J. L. Smith

E. L. Smith
 Esq.

Letter from Capt. James H. Smith.
 Director, Sept. 29, 1864
 Mr. J. H. Buchanan Esq, Capt
 Oregonia.

Sir.

Mr. J. H. Smith presented yesterday your
 receipt for 32 Reels Cotton. But should not
 state with him because you did not state
 on the Receipt the amount of Bagging & Rope
 he had obtained from you - He got
 from here 360 yds Bagging & 225 lbs Rope,
 but I am sure he got from you or from
 Mr. Rance more Bagging & Rope. Please
 ascertain how much & send me word as
 early as possible.

Please be particular never to give your
 Receipt without stating on it the amount
 of Bagging & Rope delivered to the party.

It shows on papers entirely out of order
 and will make me short on my settlement.

Very respectfully

J. H. Smith

Capt. James H. Smith

Capt. James H. Smith

Adj. Gen.

Letter Bureau, Right Lane, Miss

Gowen Sept 27, 1884.

My dear Advertiser, Esq. -
Columbia,

How much Dugging & Rope did Mr. L. L. get from you? Mr. Mackintosh has given him a receipt for 25 lbs. of Rope, but has nothing about 100 lbs. of Rope. I cannot tell you what to do. Please advise me as early as possible.

As you may wish to get a further delivery of Rope to you as before also please report on the amount of Dugging & Rope delivered to the Dugger. I will neglect to do this time over as you are out of your mind and will make no more on my certificate.

Very truly,

Yours

C. E. Dill

Cape Verde,

July 27.

Cotton Bureau Sept. 2nd. 1862.
 Houston. Sept. 2nd. 1862.

Messrs. Moore & Smoker.

Orange.

Gentle.

Please forward me all the Cotton you have ready as rapidly as you can. I have a ship to load in next two weeks with 1200 Bales, and I look to you for the greater portion of it. I will send you Bagging & Rope as rapidly as possible, but as even then the supply will be short, I want you to ship me all the Cotton that will bear moving. Do not send any loose Cotton. Send only such Bales as, with a little Tying up & wrapping at Orange, will bear Transportation to New Orleans.

Capt. Hill will send it forward from Beaumont as fast as he can. Try to keep your end moving. I am overruled with calls for Cotton & the supply is in no way adequate.

Very respectfully yours

C. F. Bell

By Name

ad. ca

Section Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
 Houston, Sept 24. 1864

Capt H. B. Lee, Agt,
 Beaumont

Capt -

Please read the enclosed letter to
 Moore & Swankin & forward it to them.
 If you can do so load every car at your
 end of the line & send me the Car as
 fast as it reaches you. If you can
 do so send a train over to Orange to
 be loaded there to come through Smith,
 send over a Boat for another load for
 return train. I am devoted to
 death, and I look to you & M & C for
 relief. No all you can to help me
 out. Six hundred Bales from your
 this week - good load & independent -
 will be a God send to me -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
 C. G. Wells
 Capt Vagne
 Agt etc

William Runcare Capt Young Men's
 Christian League of Wash.

Gen A. B. Martin,

Capt C.B. State of Texas.

Genl.

I have the honor to request the detail
 of

Private A.P. Hill, Revenue Corps Inmate Co.

Age 24 yrs. 5 ft 8 in high - grey eyes -

light hair - fair complexion -

for the transportation of Govt Cotton to the

Rio Grande - by virtue of Genl Order No. 1 -

Regt 1st Regt - 1st Regt 1st Regt -

Please order him to report to me for
 assignment to duty,

Very respectfully

your obedient servant

C. E. Kelly

Capt 1st Regt

Adj Gen

Certain Duman, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept. 19. 1864.

Majr J. C. Thomas

Capt C. S. Webb Dir. Dep.

Majr -

I have the honor to request the detail

of

the mention - Colorado Co. - aged 20 yrs. - 5 ft 8 in high
gray eyes - Auburn hair - light complexion -
occupation Teamster - native of Austin County -
enrolled in Colorado County -

for the Transportation of Govt. Cattle to the Red
Grande -

Please order him to report to me for
assignment to duty -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Webb

C. S. Webb

Capt. Webb

Adj. Gen.

Col. Bureau Dept. Lane Alex's
Houston Sept 19. 1864.

Hq. A. C. Thomas

Off. C. S. Webb Dist. Sec.

Hon. Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail
of

Wm. O. Smith - aged 19 yrs - 6 ft 2 in high -
blue eyes - dark hair - light complexion -
occupation farmer - native of Texas -
enrolled in Guadalupe County -
for the transportation of Gov. Colburn to the
Rio Grande -

This man has been employed by Hq. Alex. Smith
Off. of transportation for this Bureau, but his
papers not being accepted is now under arrest
at Millican - Please issue an order
for his release & order him to report to
me for assignment to duty -

Very respectfully,

Yours obd. servt
C. C. Webb

Capt. V. J. M.

Adj. Gen.

Cotton Bureau. Rept from Geo
Houston, Sept 19, 1864 -
John Houston Esq. Cpl.
Alleghen

Sir, I deliver to J. Rosenfield
& Son, enough Cotton to amount in value
at new schedule prices, to \$2400 00 Twenty
seven hundred & thirty three 0/100. Take duplicate
receipts from him stating Sales proceeds,
classification and from whom purchased. They
will take the cotton from plantations -

Schedule Prices
Ordinary 11 1/2
Good Ordinary 13 1/2
Low Middling 15 1/2
Middling 17 1/2
Good Middling 19 1/2

C. G. Wells
Capt & Agent
Acty. Off.

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Mills
 Houston. Sept 19. 1861
 Co. C. Bebell 2nd Coy
 Hallettsville, Tex.

Sir,

I have your favor of 15th inst. covering
 Receipt & Exp - W. B. Whitfield. - I now
 enclose Exemption & cost of c - \$125.00 in new
 currency -

As we have no new currency yet will be
 some time before we get any, I propose to
 pay this acct by adding 50% in old
 currency - This will be \$187.50 can
 be used by Mr. W. to pay his taxes to
 the amt of \$125.00 If he wishes
 to settle this way let him sign the
 acct & I will pay it to any one
 who presents it here.

Very resp v

Yours truly -

C. C. Bebell

Capt & com

Co. C.

Cotton Bureau Rept. Trans. Miss.
- Houston. Sept 19. 1864.

Mr. H. C. Manning Esq.
Victoria.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your account of 15th & 14th Inst., covering B. Lading re - The Taylor Exemption & certified acct for & B. C. under to you 12th Inst. -

Owing to the reorganization of this Bureau you are placed in charge of Capt. J. C. Finckh at San Antonio, Vice Major Cabells Sub Director. It is therefore proper to report to him all your new business - contain all exemptions & Cert. of Exemption from him the responsible to him for the Cotton hereafter acquired by you - For all old business please consider yourself responsible to the Houston Officer - Continue to send me B. Lading until you have accounted for all the Cotton I have given Cert. of Exemption for - At this time the Balance of your outstanding is just 100 Bales -

Very respectfully, Yr. obt. serv

Co. G. Wells

Very truly,
Yr. obt. serv.

✓
 Letter from Rep. J. W. Hill
 to the Hon. Sec. of War.
 S. G. Hill, Esq.
 Cincinnati

Sir:

✓
 I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. and regret to hear of the determination to resign. I am sure that the duties of the position are too onerous to be necessarily assumed by a gentleman of your age and on the ground that it is unwise to do anything for the country. I will do every possible effort to have a younger man detailed to assist you, if you will retain the position. Any relation recommended by you will be acceptable to this Office, provided only that there must not be any reasonable objection to him in your County. If you can find such a man please send his name & description. He must not be now in the Army.

Respectfully

J. W. Hill

S. G. Hill

Capt. & Agt.

Acty. Sec.

Wm. Brown Dept. House Files
Hearst. Sept 9. 1864.

H. A. John Esq. & Co.
Richmond

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 16th
Inst. - The train arrives here so late, now,
that it is impossible to cover the papers by the
succeeding trip.

I now send you Cert. of & Exemptions
for H. A. J. Brown - 40 Bales of 1746.48

John Hayes 238.20

John Blakeley 407.42

Will send the Baggs & Rope to Blakeley
as requested - Also make a strong
effort to supply you - I appreciate
the necessity. But Col. Ketchum cannot
buy the Baling material fast enough to
supply the demand.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Ady. Clk

✓
S. H. Keller, Esq. - Cotton Bureau Boston Sept 19th 64

Buy the Bagging & Rope -
Pay for it in Cotton - Send Bill here -
C. G. Kelly

Wm. H. Kelly
Boston, Sept 19. 1864.

John Watson Esq. Esq.
Albany.

Sir. - I have your favor of 16th that
know enclose you H. H. Harbuck's Exemption
to R/C - & certified acct #1166 02 also the
Sales of R/C. J. R. Brooks - which please sign
& return to me - You must collect all these
small balances & bring them here when you come
or I will be short on my Specie account -
Send me your acct to true 30th so that I may
have a voucher for the payment made to you -
Do not fail to send me the vouchers for the freight
Bills paid by you - Make up the Bill on a
22 in pencil & take the receipt of the party
at the foot - Recollect that I am responsible
for all the sales made, and unless I can show a
proper disbursement of every cent not only my
packet but my credit will suffer - Hence
I am very particular about the balances being
collected every time - If there is to be any
difference either way let it be in my favor.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt

C. G. Kelly

Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss

Houston, Sept 19. 1864.

Mr. E. H. Haskins Esq. Cpt.
Columbia.

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 14 & last
note contents.

The 12 Bales of Bass Cotton has arrived - It is
too inferior to do anything with, but I will store
it here & wait to see how the Balance of this
crop turns out - If it makes a good average
I will use the Cotton to the best advantage & allow
him the same figure - People are too much
in the habit of turning over their poor Cotton to Govt -
so much so that it has become a general subject
of complaint - You need not refuse to accept
this Cotton until his whole delivery is made -

All cases for improvement should be reported
to Capt Shropshire - who will visit you when
you request it -

Bagging & Rope will be sent to Mr. Adriaance as
soon as possible - Col. Hutchins buys all he can
find, but the supply is totally inadequate -

Very respectfully yr obt serv

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Cotton

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Cotton Bureau, Dept. of War
Houston Sept. 20. 1864.

Major S. A. Thomas

Adj. Gen. S. A. Thomas

Sir,

I have the honor to request the detail of
S. Wood - aged 34 yrs - 5 ft 9 in high - blue eyes -
dark hair, fair complexion - occupation teamster -
native of South Carolina - enrolled in Fayette
County -

for the transportation of Govt. Cotton to the Rio Grande.
Please order him to report to me for assignment
to duty -

Very respectfully

Your obedt. servt.

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Adj. Gen.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Agric Miss
 Houston, Sept 20. 1864.

C. H. P. Cavender Esq. Agt.
 Lerma.

Sir, I have your favor of 14th inst. with
 wagon Receipts as stated. The parties have been here &
 received their freight. Please continue to forward to
 San Antonio as rapidly as possible.

In all cases your Receipt has to be presented here. be
 taken up by me & an exemption issued from here.
 Your Receipt will not carry the Cotton through at San
 Antonio.

The object in asking for a list of detailed men was
 to get your own status & that of your assistants. Fill
 up the Blank & return it.

The rule for details is that the application must
 be made by the Chief of the Bureau or Officers au-
 thorized by him. I enclose you a request to
 Enrolling Officers in Mexican & Texas Counties to
 grant details on your applications. Please
 be careful to keep a correct list of all your
 details & report them on the 1st of every month.

Very respectfully

Wm. C. Wells

W. C. Wells

Capt. Wagon

Agt. C. B.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston Sept 20. 1864.
Sherman Reynolds Esq Cpl
Bastrop

Sir,

On 17th inst I drew an order
on you favor of Ball, Hatching & Co. for 250
B. Cotton - I trust you will be able to
fill the order in reasonable time. I will
endeavor to supply you with Bagging & Rope
before 1st Octo. - Do not ship any Cotton
to San Antonio until these orders are filled.
Very respectfully

Yours etc

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Ady. Cpl.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Sept 20. 1864 -

A. H. P. Cavender, Agent of this Bureau for
Madison & Leon Counties, is authorized to apply
for details for unassigned conscripts to be
employed in hauling Government Cotton to
available points - Enrolling Officers in these
Counties are requested to grant details on the
application in accordance with General Order
No. - July 1864 - Dept. Ad. G. S.

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Ady. Cpl.

Walter Baneau, Deft James Mies
Hawthorn, Sept 20. 1854

J. S. Clarke Esq. of
Hempstead

Sir.

I have your favor of 15th inst - also letter from Mr. Chappell. As I do not exactly understand how you want the papers made up. As the Receipt for 10 Bales is in name of J. S. Jackson I make it up thus -

Art of Exemption 4th 294 J. S. Jackson, 10 Bales \$1035.66
" " 295 W. Chappell 16 " 258.50.

You have sent me no receipt for the Chappell 16 Bales. Please do so - If the Jackson is independent of Chappell's - I still have to account to Chappell for 10 Bales, please make your Receipts to correspond - i.e. give him one for 16 - none for 10 - otherwise only send me your Receipt for 16 Bales of Chappell.

I return you Warren's contract to do as you think best with - After his return if you cannot make him useful we will have to return him -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agent

Acty. Clk.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss,
Houston. Sept 20. 1864.

A. H. Taison Esq. Gr.
La Grange.

Sir,

I have your favor of 15th but make contents.
I now enclose Cert of C^s & Exemptions -

James Cornell	3 Bales,	\$ 140.18.-
Wm. Young	20 "	944.61-
James Young	3 "	122.64
W. S. Pope	8 "	501.34

also details for

H. Venistefen & H. Handenlich -

On 19th Inst I drew another order
on you in favor of Ball Kutching & Co.,
for 250 Bales Cotton - Please fill it
as soon as possible - Do not ship any
Cotton to San Antonio until these orders
are filled -

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt
C. G. Yell
Capt & Agt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans No 39

Houston Sept 20. 1882

J. S. Medder Esq Esq

Navarota,

Sir,

I have your favor of 19th inst with
enclosure - I have paid your drafts
for freight on 27 B Cotton - The Reed
vouchers will answer as they are -

Very respectfully

Yr obt servt

The Denver seems to be had

Co. G Kelly

in Galveston - There is

Capt & Agne

more there, but of course it will be soon
unless it shakes in Galveston -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans No 39

Houston Sept 20. 1882

N. H. John Esq Esq

Richland

Sir -

I enclose ye sales of B Cotton delivered
to J. H. Dunn - Let him to sign E. Haruckan
return it to me - This payment over
pays his first order of \$873 16 which you will
please credit on the second order he
holds -

Very respectfully yr obt servt

Co. G Kelly

Capt & Agne

General
Lancaster
Haverhill, September 19 1864

Wm. A. Collins Esq. 19 E. 1st St. N. C.
 St. Paul, Minn. England

Thank you for the letter of the 17th inst.

I have been thinking of you very much lately
 and wondering how you are getting on.

The above is a copy of the original
 and is not to be used for any other purpose.
 (Signature)

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I am ever your
 Obedient Servant
 By Appointment
 J. M. Smith

There is a well - 100 ft. deep -
just west of the house - the water
is clear and the bottom is
a fine sand.

100

U.S. Marine Office

Houston April 19 1864

Thos. P. McManey Esq
Agent Austin

Sir

Your favor of the 17th inst. enclosing Reading of
36 Houston 3 have been duly received and duplicates
forwarded to Mr H. W. Overton Sando.

Very respectfully, Dear Sir,
E. L. Wells Captain USM
By Amy Cotton Clerk

Fee Job 5

Roll 13

Cont

P. M. Office

San Jose April 19 1854

Thos. J. McHenry Esq
Agent Austin

Sir

Your favor of the 17th inst. enclosing Reading of
36 Blotter 3 have been duly received and duplicates
12 -- forwarded to Mr H. M. Perkins Sandoz.

Very respectfully Dear Sir
Chas Wells Capt & Co
By Amy Cotton Clk

Custom Bureau Dept Texas Mess ✓

Houston Sept 20. 1864

Capt B. Sharpshin,
La Grange,

Capt -

I have your favor of 17th last in due
contents - I had a very full & interesting
account from Capt Owens, of your joint visit
to the disaffected in Fort Bend - The results
were more satisfactory than I expected -

I enclose you a copy of the "reorganization"
circular of Genl Paroquell - It is not in-
tended for general distribution & only four
copies were sent me - one of which was
incidentally intended for you - I have
no explanations or modification to advise,
except a general one that all the Custom in
your area & Maj Rountree's District is
subject to orders from here - In the absence
of special orders for delivery to parties, the
Custom should go to Capt Mitchell at San Antonio.

It is probable that your kind offices will
be needed in Matagorda - The Agent will
correspond with you direct -

Very respectfully

Yours obt serv
C. G. Wells

Capt Vagm

Adj Gen

I am afraid of the President's Regulations - When you hear them
talked of please do your utmost to explain that they can be
made to harmonize with orders #34 & 35 - This is the Committee
Hear

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Sept 20. 1864.

I have the honor to request the
detail of
D. Strauss - aged 44 - 6 ft high - blue eyes -
brown hair - fair complexion - by
occupation a merchant - native of
Germany - resident of Polk County -
enrolled in -

for the transportation of Govt Cotton to the
Rio Grande -

Please order him to report to me
for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully
Jounabt son
J. G. Wells
Capt & Agt.
Actg. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Sept 20. 1864
 J. W. Cunningham Esq. Lt-
 Port Sullivan,

Sir,

I enclose details for
 Jesse Williams - R. G. Scott & H.
 Oliver -

Very respectfully
 Thos. G. Wells
 Capt & agm
 1st Regt

[Faint, mostly illegible handwritten text, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side of the page]

Colon James Dept. of War
 Washington Sept. 20. 1864
 J. W. Cunningham Esq.
 Port Bellman

Dear Sir,
 I enclose herewith a copy of
 a letter from the Secretary of War
 to the Secretary of the Treasury
 dated Sept. 15. 1864.

Very respectfully,
 J. W. Cunningham
 Esq.
 Port Bellman

Wm. Cunningham

Wm. Cunningham
 Esq.

I have obtained a certificate amounting
 to the sum of \$1000.00
 of the State of Ohio
 I have also obtained a certificate
 of the State of Ohio
 for the sum of \$1000.00
 The same will please forward to the office
 of the Secretary of the Treasury

Very respectfully,
 Wm. Cunningham
 Esq.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss V
Newbern, Sept 20. 1864

Capt. W. H. Lang
Marline.

Capt -

I have your favor of 16th inst &
more contents - The application has
been made to Genl Smith in as strong
terms as could be used - Col Hukins
united in urging the detail - I have
no reply yet -

I enclose out of & Exemption
H. L. Bennett - 20 B.C. - 1724.02

Very respectfully

Your obt. serv

J. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Ady. Chf -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Dauvetau Sept 20. 1862

W. H. Tamm Esq Cyt -
Kabrang,

Sir -

I have your favor of 18th Inst with
enclosures as stated - I enclose detail for

J. M. Leonard - also Cent age & Exemptions for

James Cornell - Rye - \$44.92

J. J. Othris 4 " 161.57

John Speckels 11 " 583.05

E. Nichols 9 " 468.86

also - papers concerning purchase of Bagging Rope
from E. Nichols - say

Exemption of Rye -

Bill of Bagging & Rope - \$449³⁰

of sales - of Rye Cotton - payments - 749²¹

The two latter please have signed where marked
in Lead pencil - & return them to me -

Very respectfully

Your obedient servt

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Adg. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston. Sept 20. 1864.

Wm J. C. Thomas

I have the honor to request the
detail of

✓ C. Evans - aged 44 - left high - blue eyes -
brown hair - fair complexion - by occupation
a merchant - native of Germany - resident
of Kennelton in Polk County -

His services are required at the Cotton Depot
at Sabine town to weigh and ship the Govt.
Cotton there. He is not expected to go with
the trains to the Rio Grande, but will be
connected with the transportation so far as
to receive & load the Cotton - His superintendence
of this work is essential, as no one else
found willing to attend to it.

Please order him to report to me for
assignment to duty -

Very respectfully,
Your obt serv

C. G. Wells

Capt Vaguel.
Adj. Cpt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
Houston. Sept 21. 1864.

I certify that the (25) Twenty five Bales Cotton
originally on the Sch. "Medie" were received from
the Texas Cotton Office, through E. Lee Hutchins
in payment of Arms Supplies imported & sold
to him by R. D. G. Hill for the use of the
Confederate States. The same Cotton, being
saved from the wreck of the "Medie" is now
laden on the Sch. "Guiney".
25 Bales - n. 490 lbs.

C. G. Hill
Capt & agm.
Acty Chf

Cotton Bureau Dept Home Miss
Houston Sept 21. 1864 -

L. H. Grace Esq
Wilmington

Sir -

I have your favor of 18th Inst, concerning Mr
Cook's Receipts for 14 Bales - I handed
Mr. Lynch the Exemptions for 4. 3. 2 & 2 Bales
respectively & will hand him the certified copy
today -

There is a question about this
matter that I would like to have settled now -

On Aug. 23^d W. D. Young & Co presented to
me Mr Cook's Receipt for 14 Bales - with a
letter from Mr Cook saying that they were
entitled to an exemption for 2 Bales in
addition, by virtue of an arrangement
with you that two of your Bales (part of
H) should be exempted to them - & that
you would claim exemption for only two
Bales in your own name - Under this

authority I gave Young & Co the exemption
for 16 Bales - & when Mr Lynch
presented your Receipts I gave him the
full amount of exemptions without
deducting the two Bales already given
to Young & Co -

If this is clear to you
please return me one Exemption for two
Bales -

Very respectfully
C. J. Wells

Capt. H. A. M.
Ad. Sec.

Cottrell Bureau Rept. Train, Miss.
Houston, Sept 21. 1864.

Maj. A. C. Thomas

Major, Chief Com. San Antonio Dist Tex

I have the honor to request the detail of

J. Kemp. aged 46 yrs - 5 ft 8 in high - grey
eyes - sandy hair - fair complexion -
native of Virginia - resident of
enrolled in Washington County
Tex as, assigned to Reserve Corps.

for the transportation of Govt. Cottrell to
the Rio Grande -

Please order him to report to me
for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agm.

Actg. Chf.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Sept 31. 1864

C. H. Merriam Esq

Supercargo Schr. 'Stingray'

Sir,

I enclose B/Lading 38 B/Cotton for Schr 'Stingray' which you will please consider in your charge. If you reach a port from whence reshipment can be made to Cal C. I. Messrs. C. S. Leamant, Agents, you will do so, for the outward freight on the Cotton and the charges for reshipment you will draw your own Bill on Cal Messrs. at Havana. If reshipment is impracticable, you will sell the Cotton as best bids, and remit the proceeds to Cal Messrs. together with a copy of the acct sales, and will advise them that it is for my official account, requesting them to transmit me his duplicate official receipts. Send me also one copy of the acct sales for my information.

For your services you will be entitled to collect the usual commission. In case of reshipment include the charge in your Bill drawn on Cal Messrs. In case of sale deduct the amount from the remittance made.

Very respectfully

Your obdt servt
do. G. Wells

Capt Ragm
Actg. Clk.

Capt J. E. Owens
Richmond

Houston Sept 21. 1864 152

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 19th inst. ✓
and contents -

Your change the contract with J. E.
Henry from 20th Par. to 1st Par - Any
change from Specie Payment to C.B. notes
is a relief to me & I gladly recommended
it -

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt
C. G. Wells

Extra Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston. Sept 21. 1864
H. H. White Esq. At-
tention.

Sir,

I have your favor of 19th inst. ✓
and contents.

I now enclose Cert of Exemptions -
H. B. Jordan - 6 Bales - \$379.64
Mrs W. P. Stoneum 20 " 618.10 -
also Cert of C. J. W. Lacy 711.70 -
the exemption having previously gone
& connected Cert of C. W. Canthorn 1590.04
all of which I trust are correct this
time.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt
C. G. Wells

Caston Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss 153
Haverton, Sept. 21. 1864. ✓
John Holburn Esq. Capt.
Alleyton,

Sir -
I am in receipt of your favor of 19 & 20
Inst. - & note contents - ✓ ✓

I enclose Cert. of: A. E. Stewart's 1 B. J. Caston
of 46 22 also Exemption for same - It is
in name of J. C. Baldwin - in error - but
I have written Mr. Stewart's name on the
face & it will pass - Let Mr. Baldwin
endorse it to ensure it -

I enclose also the exemption for King
Kennedy & Statham for 24 B. J. Caston -

Very respectfully

Governor's son

C. G. Wells

Capt. & Agt.

Act. C. C.

Caston Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss ✓
Haverton, Sept. 21. 1864
S. D. Fiske Esq. Capt.
Wharton,

Sir -
I have your favor of 15th Inst. & have
enclosed Cert. of & Exemption J. S. Readman,
24 B. J. Caston, 12.115 th & 639 49 ✓

Very respectfully

Governor's son

C. G. Wells

Capt. & Agt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss,
Houston. Sept 21, 1864.
J. S. Vedder Esq At
Tallahassee,

Sir,

I have your favor of 19th & 20th ults & note contents - & enclosures -

I enclose Cert. of Exemption. W. Roman - 20 R/C of 484 24 - also an extra Baggt R. receipt for him to sign to cover the repairs over & above his last receipt - Return it to me -

I have no note of 12 Pac. India Bagging sent you - but will ascertain from Mr. Somerville & advise you -

Have you any more Leampton Cotton? Mr. Spaul's proposition cannot be acted upon as it will be contrary to rules, but I trust you will not forget to give him the first Bagging & Rope you receive, so as to facilitate his movements.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Actg. Secy.

Cotton Bureau Dept State Miss
Houston, Sept 21. 1864

J. S. Cooke Esq At
Memphis

Sir. ✓ I am in receipt of your favor of Sept 19th 20th & 20th insts.

Your remarks about details are very proper, but so much is said about the number of our details that the disposition is to restrict them as much as possible.

The Blake & Stanton Cottons can go to San Antonio if it is more convenient to send them in that direction.

I rectify the Chappell & Jackson matter by sending Chappell an exemption for 10 Bales to-day.

If you can see Mr. Beale please say to him that it is im-portant he should surrender our receipt, as I have already signed the exemption on his promise to send your receipt.

I regret very much to lose your services & hope you will reconsider your determination. I thought you were aware that no Govt Officer or Agent is paid in anything but C. S. money. Our Agents have given their services more to aid the cause than for compensation, for the pay is really nothing. We have to work hard here & have hard living too on the same terms.

Very respectfully yr obt servt
Co. G. Kelly
Capt R. A. R.

Ben. Stones Esq.
Sir. Brehman.

Houston, Sept 21. 1858.

I have your favor of 20th Inst. You
can buy the Bagging a 50^c. Rope a 60^c.
& pay for it in Cotton at new schedule
prices. 11 1/2 to 15 1/2^c. - Send Bills of
Bagg & Rope & Statement of Cotton given
in payment -

Enclosed are a/c
Exemption, W. G.
Hickins 23 B/c Cotton
of 1189 1/2

Very respectfully -
Yours obt. serv
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agent
Adg. Exp.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept 21. 1858
W. W. Browning Esq.
Chapman Hill.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th Inst.
but note content - I find upon
enquiry that only 5 B/c Rope were
shipped you - You will find the weight
correct as stated -

Very respectfully
Yours obt. serv
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agent
Adg. Exp.

Weston Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston. Sept 21. 1864.

S. Casper Esq

Granville, Brazos Co.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 15th inst
and will gladly avail myself of your ser-
vices if you can come to Houston on
the terms I am authorized to offer -
Caudor compels me to state that I can
pay you only \$32 per day C.S. money -

For a gentleman of your age I can hold
out no inducement - as you are already
exempt from military service - The
exemption or detail is really the only
inducement any one can have to enter
the office, as the pay is painfully
deficient -

If compensation is no object with you
you will come, you will realize
the greatly, as I cannot well manage
my business without more assistance,
Very respectfully

Yours obt serv
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Adj. Clk.

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Sept 21. 1864.
J. W. Zacharia Esq
Palestine.

Sir.

✓ I have your favor of 16 inst & make
contents. I trust you have made
the delivery of Bagging & Rope to
Mr McLanahan as he needs it badly.
I was under the impression that the
quantity was already determined upon
his receipt, and that it was in the
Bill rendered. If so it should
not be changed.

As for terms there can be no misun-
derstanding about them. We have only
one price for buying Cotton. the old schedule
The new apply only to sales. Consequently
the Cotton is bought from you at the same
price that it is sold back to you at -
say 10 1/2% for Low Middling. The
advantage you get in the trade is the
application of old schedule prices
to the transaction. In buying
Cotton we invariably use the old prices.

Very respectfully

Yours truly
G. B. Wells
Capt & Agent
Acty. Clk.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trade Miss
Houston, Sept 21. 1864

Capt J. W. Harris
Sweet Home,
Capt -

I have your favor of 16th inst & more
contents. I have applied for the
detail of T. B. McLeellan, & if obtained,
before the mail closes will send it with
this.

I note what you say about the duplicate
receipts. I do not like to issue the
exemptions on the duplicates, and will
not take the responsibility of doing it
until the originals come in. Under
the new organization Maj. Cabell can
issue the exemptions, and I would
prefer you would apply direct to him.
He can then see that the originals are
surrendered. Only one original has
come to hand as yet.

You can appreciate my reasons for not
wishing to involve myself as I certainly
would do by issuing on these duplicates.
I cannot watch every certificate, therefore
I would know if some exemptions would
be issued on the originals. Of course
you will say I should look out for that.
But I prefer being on the safe side & not
take the risk. Very respectfully
C. J. Hill
Capt Ague

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Univ
Houston, Sept 21. 1864.

J. D. Bailey Esq. Cpt -
Greenville

Sir -

I have your favor of 18th inst & make
contents -

When you send your Receipt for the J. D. Bailey
J. D. Bailey Cpt. I will have your cert made out &
sent you by Col. Hutchins.

If you will select an assistant I will
do my best to have him detailed for you.
If he is in the Reserve Corps there will
be no serious trouble about it -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

G. G. Welch

Capt & Agt

Acty Cpt

What does B. H. Walker say about the
\$2 K/C he owes my old business & the
small cash balance -

Cotton Bureau Trans Miss L.
Houston, Sept 20. 1864.

Gen. Burkhardt Esq
Matagorda -
Sir,

I have your favor of 14th inst & note
contents -

When Mr. Strapp forwards your
application I will try to furnish
the 40 Bales required for Govt
acct.

In reading the law you will find
that no one can exempt Cotton by
sea, but that you have to give
bond on all the private Cotton you
ship -

I can exempt Cotton
for you by land, but none by sea
Very respectfully

Yours obt serv
C. G. Wells
Capt Vagno
Actg. Clk

✓

Custom Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston. Sept 21. 1864

Mr. W. Gibson Esq
Matagorda.

Sir,

✓

I have your favor of 15th inst & note contents. I am grateful to you for your warning about O'Leannet. I am in no way responsible for his presence in the Bureau. He was originally employed by Maj. Bloomfield & was turned over to Col. Stabekins by him about 8 or 9 months ago. When I took charge I found him here. His agency refers only to hunting up the Govt Custom in the West & sending it forward. He has already done much good in that way & he has no authority to act in any other capacity. When this is understood in Matagorda County I think people will agree that he is not in a position to do any harm, while he does do some good. If you think it is necessary I will undertake to have him removed.

If I get Shultz detail before the mail closes I will send it in this.

Very respectfully yours
C. G. Wells
Sept 21 1864

✓
 Cotton Duncan Dept from Miss
 Houston. Sept 20. 1864.
 Mrs G. H. Hueston Esq Opl
 Brazoria.

✓
 Sir.

I have your favor of 15th inst &
 will answer it.

Mr. Randall at Abilene
 has a schooner which he says he
 is going to offer to Gov. - that is 1/2
 the price in her 40 Bales - Can
 the cotton you speak of be made
 available to go on this schooner?

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. H. H.

Capt. & Agent

Abilene

He does not want
 me when he must
 be going - if you
 incline please find
 out from him -

Capt. H. H. H. is in Abilene
 for the purpose of
 getting the cotton in Abilene
 and will not
 leave the matter for me, and what we
 do should be done quickly -

✓
 Col. Roman Dept. of War
 Kansas Sept 24 1864

✓
 I King.

Atayonda,

I have some of the best
 men tried to make up bridge materials
 & an appreciation of the necessity for
 rapid work. The order from Capt
 Hancock is here, & I can turn over about
 100 poles in a week from now. I will
 write Col. Wood to come over & receive
 it.

If the 'Franklin' comes into Galena, it
 may be slow work loading her, but I
 will do my best. There will be
 100000 lbs of material before her & will
 require about 3000 lbs of cotton which
 is a tolerable long day just now.
 Being to the change of officers and
 that I do not believe I can trace
 of the loss you refer to. If you
 have any one on the road who
 knows the trail will endeavor to
 find it for you.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Wells

Wm. H. Wells

Capt. Hagan

Kan. City.

Custom Bureau Dept Texas Mex.
Houston, Sept 21. 1864

Mess J. C. Thomas

Capt Com For H. Dist. Tex.

Sir,

I have the honor to request details
of A. B. McCallum - aged 29 yrs - 5 ft 2 in high -
dark eyes - dark grey hair - fair complexion -
native of Tennessee - residing in New-
market in Nevada County -

C. A. Shultz, aged 30 yrs - 5 ft 6 in high -
blue eyes - sandy hair - fair complexion -
native of Germany - residing Newmarket
in Nevada County -

Please order them to report to me for
assignment to duty, for transportation
of them, ~~to~~ the Rio Grande -

Very respectfully

Yours etc.

C. C. Greely

Capt & Agt

Acty. Chgo

Cotton Bureau, Capt. Isaac Wells,
Haverhill. Sep 22. 1862

C. W. Hayes Esq
Greenville

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 17th inst
and send you by this mail a lot of Blanks
viz. - Wagon Receipts -

Contracts for Sale of Cotton -

Receipts for Cotton delivered to Govt -

all for your use -

Also a lot of Blank Exemptions, which
should be used only by Major Cabell -

Under the reorganization of this Bureau, your
district is in charge of Capt. Smithell. at San
Antonio - Please therefore only use my name

in reference to old business. Informed by Capt
Smith - All new business should go through Maj
Cabell. Capt Smithell your orders hereafter
should go to you through there. Capt I. will
furnish you Blanks whenever you require them.

If you got a letter from me to Capt Lynch
containing some Certificates & drafts, I trust you
attended to the particulars. The drafts for
Greene should have gone on to Capt Lynch at
Brownsville & the Certs which were signed returned
to me. If the letter has gone on to him & passed
it will be all right, as he will know the matters
attended to himself.

Very respectfully yours

C. C. Wells

Capt. Isaac
Wells

Cuba Bureau Dept Trade Affairs ✓
 Havana Sept 22 1894

Hon. S. S. Cabot G.M.
 Baltimore

Hon. Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 10th inst. in re contents. I return the order not published, more for the reason of expediency than for anything else. There is no delaying that we are on the way of winding up. Genl. Enata has decided to publish the President's Regulations. If you have seen a copy of them you know that our operations will be closed at once, as no one will submit to orders & go to work one moment after the door to general exportation is opened under the new Regulations. In this state of things it is better not to excite the public mind by publishing new orders showing apparent difficulties in the way.

This matter is not generally known & you will please consider it confidential, as regards all outsiders until it is published.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt.

C. C. Wells

Capt. Vague

Acty. Ch.

Houston, Sept 22. 1864 ✓ 68
W. Chappell Esq
Chappell Hill. ✓

Sir,

I have your favor of 16th inst. and
now send you Cert. of Exemption for
10 Bales - 5000 lbs - This covers our
year 26 Bales - the Cert. of Exemption
for 16 Bales having been sent to Mr Cooke
some days ago -

Very respectfully
Yours
C. E. Wells
Capt. & Agt
A. G. C.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Texas
Houston. Sept 22. 1864.

J. A. Cooke Esq.

Hempstead.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst. with memo.
of Regt. & Regt. for Sledge. Jackson & Chappell -
I have forwarded to Chappell his Cert. of Exemption
for 10 Bales - I now enclose you
Cert. of H. H. Sledge & H. H. which please
have them - Also your receipt from him
returning to me -

Very respectfully
Yours
C. E. Wells
Capt. & Agt
A. G. C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Sept 22. 1864.

A. A. John Esq
Richmond.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20 & trust I am glad
you noticed the error in Paul &c before
it was too late to rectify it without trouble.
I now enclose corrected acct -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. E. Miller

Capt & Agt

Ady. Ch.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Sept 22. 1864.

Sam Brown Esq
Memphis.

Sir,

I enclose acct of & disbursements

A. L. Lumsden - 12 AC -

\$ 1339.72

H. S. Pleasant &

122.81

Have you completed business with Miller &
Halt yet?

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. E. Miller

Capt & Agt

Certifying Bureau Dept Texas Vint
Houston, Sept 22. 1864.

John Holston Esq At -
Albany.

Sir,

I enclose Sales of
Kendy Stillman & King 34 & C -
James Arbuckle - 35 - & Exemption
for latter - Have them signed and
returned to me -

You have not sent me the H. Smith
Sole Cert - nor the Bills to go against it.
Very respectfully

Your obt serv
J. G. Mills
Capt & Agt.
Adj. Gen.

Do not give up Arbuckle's Exemption until
he signs the voucher for \$2,796.00 - the
difference has been settled here as I can
show by the vouchers & books - Return
all to me when signed

Fort Don Juan Del. Texas, Texas,
Houston, Sept 22 1864.

Major

Herbert,
Chf Enrolling Officer 2^d Cong. Dist.
Columbus,

Major,

I have the honor to request the
detail of

J. W. Harbuck, aged 25 yrs - 5 ft 4 in high,
blue eyes - light hair - fair complexion
native of Tennessee - residing in &
enrolled in Colorado County.

for the transportation of Government Cotton
to the Rio Grande - This application
is authorized by Genl. Orders 4th -
July 11, 1864 - Agt. H. D. Co.

Please order him to report to me
for assignment to duty -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv

C. C. Wells

Capt & Agt

Acty. Chf.

Cotton Bureau Sept 2nd 1864
 Houston, Sept 22. 1864.
 J. M. Alfred Esq. Atty.
 Transport, Walker Co.

Sir,

About 100 of your papers constituting
 you the Esq. of this office for Trinity County
 were mailed in error to Huntsville or
 Sumpter - I have written to Huntsville
 to see if they are there - Please send
 or write to the P. M. at Sumpter and
 have them mailed to you -

I am informed that D. Strauss of Moscow
 Ark County, has about 100 Bales Cotton
 in Trinity Co. If you should hear of
 it during your canvass please apply
 your instructions -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
 C. G. Wells
 Capt & Agt.
 Adg. Clk.

H. H. Grace Esq
Hampstead

Houston, Sept 22. 1864 173

Sir,

As Mr. Lynch not having called for
your certified account I now enclose
it - say it is \$306 45

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv.

Co. G. Wells

Capt. Ragnell

Adj. etc.

Cotton Bureau kept from this

Houston Sept 22. 1864

J. D. Bailey Esq
Huntsville

Sir -

About first of Sept a letter was
mailed from this office, addressed G. A.
Alford Huntsville in error - Please
inquire for it and forward it to him
at New port - He has been appointed
Agent for Trinity County this papers have
intentionally been misused.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. serv.

Co. G. Wells

Capt. Ragnell

Adj. etc.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston Sept 22. 1864.
J. D. Cooke Esq, Cpt.
Hempstead

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th last & the contents - I trust the fever will not become epidemic in Hempstead - Today is the first day it has been reported as here - I believe two cases are certainly yellow fever -

I enclose Tugging & Rope Receipts - J. S. Jackson - W. H. Sledge - E. H. Chappell - W. K. Johnstone - which please have signed and returned to me -

I trust you will reconsider your determination and conclude to continue your agency - We are dependant upon the good offices of our agents for any degree of success we may chance to secure. I know they should be paid, but unfortunately there is no provision for their payment in anything but C.S. money -

Very respectfully

G. E. Wall

Captain

Acty, Cpt

Col. B. B. Brown, Capt. J. H. Hill
Houston, Sept 20. 1864.

Col. B. B. Brown
J. H. Hill

Off. Richmond

Order to E. H. Bannockburn
enough to pay at new schedule prices, to
amount of \$4966 44. One thousand, two
hundred and sixty six \$100 dollars - Take
duplicate receipts stating Bales, pounds,
classification, and from whom purchased.
Send one Receipt to me -
Include prices.

Ordinary	11 ²	3
Good Ordinary	13	1
Long Standing	15	1
Shedding	17	1
Long Standing	18	3

W. G. Hill
Capt. J. H. Hill
Aug. 24.

✓
 Col. Buncie, Rept. Lane Miss
 Houston, Sept 23. 1864.
 Wm. John Esq. Capt.
 Richmond.

Sir -

✓
 I have your favor of 21st Inst. & am glad to
 make the rapid payment of my orders -

I now enclose the order for C. Haruehan for
 \$4266 36 -

I enclose also six Polaris
 Sales to be filled up by you for the delinquencies
 of Cotton to parties who hold orders -

In mine of 20th Inst I sent you Sales & Exemptions
 of 58 B/C del. to Haruehan - It would

be better for you to have allowed this to stand as you
 first reported it, as Mr. Perry had already marked
 it off his Books, and your new report throws
 him into confusion -

The payment of 58 B/C
 overpaid the first order, & I was perfectly willing
 it should stand as a charge against the second
 order - but I now leave the whole matter

settled by you as you can best make it, and
 rely upon you making a clear report with
 each transaction -

If Dunn uses my Ex-
 -emptions for 58 B/C please mention it on your
 statement so that I may make no mistakes
 in issuing for the Balance - I will issue
 no exemptions until I hear from you what
 is needed -

I enclose Cert of A. Severe 30 B/C - also
 Exemptions as desired. Search of. Vogel 6 -
 Very respectfully
 C. B. Wells

Houston Bureau, Rept. Trans. M.
Houston, Sept 23. 1864

Col. D. B. Hartman,

Commr. of Conscription Service, State of Texas
Dusk.

Sir -

I have the honor to request the de-
tail of James H. Keenertaid - aged 41 yrs -
Private in Reserve Corps, Houston County,
for service in this Bureau -

This application is made under authority
of General Order No. - July 21. 1864. from
Rept. Ad Gns -

Please order him to report to me
for assignment to duty -

Very respectfully

Your obt. serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Acty Secy.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept 23. 1864.

S. A. Miller Esq of
Crockett,

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favours of 20th inst
and have applied for the detail of Mr
Leavenworth to assist you. I will send you
the detail as soon as it reaches me.

I note what you say about the incongruity
in the wording of Baggt Rope Receipts. They
were prepared before it was decided upon
to allow Planters the double quantity. Their
Receipt will tally with the certified account,
and they do not stultify themselves by signing
the Receipt, as under the rules it takes a double
quantity of B & R, to cover the Cotton sold to Govt.

Your arrangement with Woodman will have
to be carried out. It was made under
instructions at the time & I do not wish to
dodge anything I have agreed to. My
desire now is to husband all the Baggt
Rope for use as far as it will go. Hence
when Baled Cotton is offered for sale we
should give the double prices that promise
to give Baggt Rope & pay single prices
if we can possibly obtain the Cotton without
the promise.

Very respect

Yr obt serv

C. G. Hall

Capt & Agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade News
 Houston, Sept 23. 1864
 N. W. Garrison Esq. Apt.
 La Grange.

Sir.

I have your favors of 18th & 20th Inst.
 Please make up your acct as led & return it
 to me. Separately - & send them to me - For
 all that was due you up to June 30th you are
 entitled to Cotton at old schedule prices - For acct
 since, to Cotton at new schedule prices, 3rd of
 the advance on all grades - We have a
 new schedule for selling Cotton on, consequently
 if you buy Schwartz' rope he will have to be
 paid at the new prices - In buying Cotton
 from the Planters we allow only the old
 schedule prices. As much of the Pope
 let as will pay your acct you may have -
 Send me a statement when made up & I
 will send you the sales to sign & the Ex-
 -emptions -

Very respectfully
 J. M. Abbott
 Co. G. Wells
 Capt & Co
 Acty. Clk.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Havenside Sept 23. 1864

A. G. Fairbank Esq. Capt.
La Grange.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst & make the
arrangement of the Bagging & Rope, but I cannot
understand how the Bagging can have
been sent you in such condition - I try
to make it go as far as it will - The
sample of Rope you send me is small, but
you will find it strong enough to hold.
If you can do so, distribute some large Rope
with it, so that the small & large ropes
can be used on each Bale.

I have entered your order for Bagging
Rope at Round Top & will send it as
soon as possible - I regret very
much that I cannot furnish you with
more Bagging & Rope at a time, but, last
Hatchings takes all that comes into the
market & I divide it out in the
best way I can - It is a bulky
article & people bring as little of it as
they can decently do -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Welch

Capt. & Agent

Actg. Chf.

✓ Cotton Bureau, Sept 23, 1864 ✓
 Haverhill Sept 23, 1864
 Mr. W. Crook Esq. Gt
 Victoria -

Sir - I am in receipt of your favor of
 18th inst (to Maj Cabell) enclosing
 a letter of R. S. Prudden 30th Sept. & J. R.
 Daughtney 25th Sept. - Sent me the letter
 Cabell, as the Cotton belonged to me
 before he took charge

Very respectfully,

Your obt servt

W. G. Wells

Capitaine

Adg Esq.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans 482
Houston Sept 23. 1864 ✓
S. D. Hoake Esq. -
Wheaton,
Sir -

I have your favor of 21st inst & its
contents - The order of Col W. A.
Poundwell should be filled, but you
can also work on Kleibers order at
the same time, by paying 100 Bales,
on each alternately -

Send me statement of the receipt
100 Bales delivered to H. Reichman,
showing from whom purchased &c
Very respy
most obed

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Sept. 23. 1864.
Thos. G. Hasbrouck Esq. -
Columbia,
Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 21st ✓
inst & its contents -

The detail of Mr. Holcott cannot be
obtained, because he is in the Army - I
to select some good man in the Reserve Corps
and I will get him for you

Very respy
Yours truly
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Harrisburg Sept 23. 1854
H. King Esq
Capt King & Co.
Alleghen

Sir -

I send you Exemption for 158 B/C
Cotton 80.104 lbs, as requested by Mr.
J. M. Gibson of King & Co. Matagorda Co.
Please acknowledge Receipt -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Co. G. Wells

Genl & Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Harrisburg Sept 23. 1854.
Genl. H. Gibson, Esq
Harrisburg P.O. Carey

Sir -

I have your favor of 20 inst covering
King & Co's receipt for 158 B/C, for which
I send the exemption to Mr. Young at
Alleghen as requested - Send me a
Statement of the lots of Cotton the Receipt
covered - Hereafter state in your
receipts a description of the Cotton
& from where received.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Co. G. Wells

Genl & Agent

J. D. Bellmont

Capt.

Center Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Sept. 23. 1864.

I have the honor to request the
detail (renewal) of
Private M. H. W. Herry, Grade Co. Bates
Regt - detailed July 19th 64. for sixty days -
and -

Private J. H. Oliver, Grade Co. Bates
Regt - detailed July 9th 64. for sixty days.
There were are now on the road with
you. Center, and it is necessary that they
should be allowed to complete the
trip without being recalled to their
command -

Respectfully

Your obedient servant

Col. G. Wells

Capt. Rago

Actg. Chf.

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Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Havastaw. Sept 28. 1864 -

Wm. Chappell Esq.
Chappell Hill.

Sir -

I have your favor of 28th but I make
contents -

I have sent forward your exemption for
10 Bales - mailed yesterday - The exemptions
for the Cotton are a sufficient protection
for the teams, but as you seem to desire
it particularly I send you a paper for
their special protection -

I did not know until now that you
required more Bagging & Rope - I have
entered your order & you shall have it
sent you as soon as possible - Drying
material is very scarce - Cal Hutchins
buys all that comes to market, but
finds it impossible to supply the demand -
It is a bulky article and traders bring
as little as they decently can,

Very respc

Your obt serv

C. G. Mills

Capt KAGAN
Adj. Q. M.



Cotton Bureau kept from Miss
Harrison Sept 28. 1864.
Honor. A. S. Cabell, Genl.
Cincinnati.

Honor.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of 21st inst. and its contents.

In reference to Mr. Davidson's matter I am
entirely at a loss - I have enquired of
J. A. Sheffines. I find that a man with a
similar name (Sheffines) left here on 14th
last for the West - I have never
understood the operations of the Office in
the West, and do not know exactly how
Mr. Davidson's matter stands - but I
have been advised by Mr. Hugh Lewis
that he refused to deliver two Bales
Cotton he had sold to Capt. Lynch for
the Govt - I did not know why
he refused, but since receipt of your
communication I believe it was an
account of Sheffines' success in evading
the restrictions imposed by the Bureau -

In my opinion S. has succeeded in
smuggling the Cotton out, and the whole
thing should be enquired into, and if
he has had any assistance from our
agents they should be exposed and
punished - We cannot be too careful
in guarding the honor of this organization -

There has been some dissatisfaction on Mr. Davidson's part about his transactions with Capt. Lynch. It seems that he had a lot of Sea Island Cotton & Capt. Lynch did not know what price to allow him for it. Upon reference to me I named double schedule prices as a basis - this he accepted - On receipt of Capt. Lynch's receipts I made up the certified accounts for

Aug 7 - 22 B/C 181 - 9739 in 3p.c. of 3.116.48
 . 23 . 2 . 504 . 32¹ 257.28

supposing Capt. L. had bought the lots under 1st Paragraph & give an exemption for a like quantity - Mr. Davidson

afterwards wrote me that this was not the settlement he wanted - that he had sold all his Cotton, under 2nd Paragraph, & was entitled to 1/2 specie apt 4 1/2 new currency -

I replied that this was not my understanding - that I wanted to buy only half his Cotton & would prefer doing so still - & gave him a letter to Capt. Lynch to give him back half his lot of Cotton & change the transaction to 1st Paragraph -

Mr. Davidson now writes that he will be satisfied with this, but that all his Cotton has been sent forward & cannot be returned

to him. He now wants a specie draft on Mr Perkins at H atamona for the half value of this Cotton - I am willing to do this provided I can get the matter fixed properly - My certified accounts are out & I want them returned - I know I can never settle it by correspondence and have referred him to you for a settlement -

I propose this -

For the two Bales he has my certified acct for $\$254.25$ & Capt Innes's Exemption for 2 Bales - he must surrender the 2 Bales in his possession & consider that matter closed -

For the 23 Bales he has my certified acct for $\$316.45$ new currency - I can find that Capt Innes received this 23 Bales. I am willing to give him a draft for half the value in Specie, & one Bill for the other half in new currency, upon his surrendering my acct. signed -

I believe this is all he can expect - & if he is concerned with Saifines in getting out the 2 Bales surreptitiously he deserves no consideration & should be made to wait for his settlement indefinitely -

I note your appointment of Mr. C. Keyser
for the Gonzales District -

I enclose transfer of detailed view
as requested -

I trust Major on your own account,
that you will have more satisfaction
with your District under the new
order of things than I have had under
the old - It was so and so that
I could never know satisfactorily what
was doing in it, and some cooperation
existed for want of reports in the
form required - The delay in giving
exceptions caused, dissatisfaction, and
the desire to facilitate the people there
ended in creating considerable liability
for me - I have as yet no
warrants for any Cotton Quarantined
in the District & apprehend some
trouble in getting them - You can
only avoid like trouble by compelling
an adherence to the instructions you
give your District Agents.

Very respectfully,

Your obt. servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Actg. Chf.

Custom Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston Sept. 29. 1864

Rev. A. Davidson,
Gonzales.

Sir,

I have your favor as ob^duct & read its contents. I am still willing to settle this matter in a way satisfactory to yourself and just to the Government, but I must turn the whole matter over to Maj Leabell for settlement owing to some information received by to-days mail -

It seems that Mr J. A. Stephens to whom you gave your 2 Bales & the Exemption has managed to get out the 2 Bales without using the exemption and now advises you not to give up one pound to the Custom Bureau - His action, if he tells the truth, shows that he did not get out the Custom by fair means, and I would be very loth to believe that you are adding time by your refusal to deliver your Cotton as promised - I write an explanation of your case to Maj Leabell, at Elkhorn, to whom I refer you for a settlement,

Very respectfully

G. G. Wells

G. G. Wells

Capt & Co

actg. Secy.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Sept 23. 1864
 Dr. J. N. Walker
 Millican,

Sir,

I have your favor of 22nd inst &
 note contents -

The payment for the Bagg & Rope is
 to be made out of the half sold to
 Govt. - It will be received or deducted
 from the amount of new issue to be paid
 you.

The Bagging & Rope will be sent
 to Mr. Veer at Millican for distribution
 as soon as possible - The large demand
 for it exceeds the supply so much that
 we are unable to supply it as promptly
 as we wish - Col. Hatchins buys all
 that comes to market & has arrangements
 for bringing it in, but it comes very
 slowly - Your country shall be
 attended to at once -

Very respectfully

Your obedt servt

C. G. Wells

Capt. & Agent

Acty. Ch.

Cotton Bureau Sept 23. 1864
Houston Sept 23. 1864

Col J. W. Spright
Waco.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor
of 19th inst & am glad to hear -

Under the reorganization it is
proper for you to report to Maj Genl.
For all old business, however, you will
please continue to report to me until
settled,

Very respectfully
Yr obt servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt
Actg Clk

Cotton Bureau Sept 23. 1864
Houston, Sept. 23. 1864.

Ben Stokes Esq Capt.
Brenham.

Sir,

I enclose Cost of & Exemptions -

J. R. King -	5 B/c -	\$ 249. 05
H. S. Durham	3 "	41. 78
E. P. Cunney	20 "	706. 31

Very respectfully
Yr obt servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt
Actg Clk

J. J. Clarke Esq. Capt -
Hempstead

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Sir,

I am in the receipt of your favors of
22nd inst & note contents -

I have made application for renewal of
Harris' detail & will send it to you when
obtained -

I enclose Cent age & Exemption for
J. Co. Elliott 25 B/E - \$1043.02 -
also Bagging & Rope Receipt for his
signature - This includes the amt
to be shipped him - It will be sent
to Hockley unless you direct otherwise -
Very respectfully

J. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Ady. Ch.

Catharine Bureau, Capt. Gen. Mess.
Hempstead Sept 23. 1864.

M. W. Farrow Esq. Capt -
La Grange -

Sir,

I enclose Cent age & Exemption for
L. W. Moore 16 B/E - \$945.49 -

Very respectfully

J. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Ady. Ch.

Cotton Bureau Rept. Trans. Miss
 Houston. Sept 24. 1864.
 Co. C. Hund Regt. 4th
 Liberty

Sir -

I have not received the West Lib.
 Cotton as advised in your last - The
 H. Baker Bunnays have only to hand -

I have paid Betts his freight money.
 Please therefore ship me at once all
 the Cotton you have on hand - Put
 the West Cotton on a separate Bill
 of Lading -

Your early attention will
 greatly oblige me, as I have orders
 to turn over this Cotton Parties are
 waiting to receive it.

Very respec

Yours obdt serv

C. G. Wells

Capt & Regt

40th Regt.

Cotton Bureau Capt. Travis 425

Newark Sept 24, 1864.

Mr. J. Cooke Esq. Col.

Newstead,

Sir,

I enclose renewed detail for
W. H. H. Harry, Good Co. Bates Regt. for
sixty days from 19th inst -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

Co. G. Wells

Capt. & Agt.

Ady. Ch.

Cotton Bureau Capt. Travis. N.Y.

Newark, Sept 24, 1864.

Major J. C. Thomas

Chaplain Gen. H. H. L. L. L.

Major,

I have the honor to request the
detail of

J. W. Lawrence - Morris County

Reserve Corps -

for service in this Bureau -

Please order him to report to me
for duty -

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

Co. G. Wells

Capt. & Agt.

Ady. Ch.

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Cotton Bureau, Dept of Trans Miss
Houston. Sept 24. 1864.

W. H. Carrington Esq.
Dorville

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 15th inst
make contents - Your letter to Capt Sellers
has been handed to him -

I cannot issue your exemption for soa Bale,
Cotton until you send me Mr. Keen's receipt.
Please send it as soon as possible & I will at
once make up your papers and cause you
as little trouble as possible - No delay
longer than required to mail you the
exemption -

Turn over the Rope to Mr. Keen. I have
not heard from him yet in relation to
it - Hereafter Capt Hutchins will reject
all hemp Rope as experience proves that it is
generally worthless -

Very respy

Yours obt serv

C. G. Wright

Capt Sagn

Adj. Clk.

Mr Henry Sampson the
Agent of the Treasury Cotton is the proper
person to apply to to remove your
Jute Cotton -

Carroll Bureau Sept 2nd 1864
Houshore, Sept 2nd 1864

James S. B. Russell will proceed to
Sutton, Mass on business of this office,
and will return as soon as practicable.

C. E. Wells
Capt & Comd
1st Regt Cal.

Gen. T. W. Sherman are requested to furnish
Mr. Russell, transportation in kind, to
and from Sutton.

C. E. Wells
Capt & Comd
1st Regt Cal.

Mr. Russell
When he returns
from Sutton on
his way back
to the 1st Regt
to arrange his
business in
the line of
his duty, if
he has no
other business
to attend to
in the line of
his duty, he
will be
allowed to
proceed
to the
office of
the
Bureau
at
Houshore
Sept 24th
1864
Capt & Comd
1st Regt Cal.
C. E. Wells
Capt & Comd
1st Regt Cal.

Cotton Bureau Dept Francis Mass
Houston. Sept 24 1864

Capt A. G. Lee; Capt
Beaumont

Capt -

I have your favours of 22nd 23rd & 24th
I am grateful for your energy in sending
forward the Cotton.

I note the difference between the Moore & S.
& the Casey Cotton. All the Cotton on
B. Hading has arrived as stated.

I sent to Moore & S. for as much of the
Bad order Cotton as could be made it owing
to the pressure on me here - Quaker Str.
got in last night & more none expected.
I cannot do much toward supplying them
unless I can get a full load from you by
every train.

Very truly

Yours etc

C. C. Wells

Capt Kague

Actg chf

Please have the enclosed letters to Mr.
Erans & Capt. Wood delivered as soon
as possible - If the 'Chas Russell'
has gone to sea please return Erans
letter -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Sept 24. 1864
 Capt. W. W. Wood
 Beaumont (came by boat)

Capt - I enclose R. J. Willis & Bros orders
 on B. H. C. Lusk. Atlan Sabine County, for
 244 Bales - deliverable 1st Oct. viz:

188 Bales	at Pundletons' warehouse
10 "	" Hamiltons' do -
19 "	" Mrs Lovens do
27 "	" Anthony's Landing
10 "	" Sabine town - J. B. Dyer's wh.

This you will please take charge of and have
 brought to Houston with all practicable
 despatch - via Beaumont -

If necessary to build a boat and wait
 for a rise in the River, I send you an
 order to employ men for that purpose -
 They will be detailed on your application
 if unassigned conscripts or men in the
 Reserve Corps - Men from the army
 cannot be had except upon application
 through the regimental & Company Officers
 & requires their approval -

Very respectfully

G. G. Wells

Capt & Agent

Cot. & Agent

Cot. & Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hannaton Sept 24. 1864

Capt W. W. Wood

Beaumont

Capt -

As you will require the services of detailed men for building the boats required for bringing the Genl. Cotton out of Sabine River, I write this to authorize you to employ such unassigned conscripts and men from the Reserve Corps as may be necessary for the purpose - For all such you will furnish me a descriptive list, stating the following particulars, viz: name - age - height - color of eyes - color of hair - complexion - occupation - nativity - residence - when & where enrolled -

If you must have men now in the army, you will make application for them through their company & regimental officers - If they approve to the detail will be granted at District Hd Qrs -

Very respectfully

Wm. C. Wells

Co. E. 11th

Capt & Agt

Oct 1st

✓

Eastern Bureau Sept 2nd 1864
Newark Sept 24th 1864.

Wm. J. W. Harris

Sweet House

Sir -

I have your copy of the 20th inst. & send you the blanks by this mail in another package - Please reply to our Bureau's correspondence for blanks, except those requested to place up the old business

K. A. Harris Esq. 5
No 3, 1/2

Sir:

When, has been
attention
of your copy
ad. date with
Please

to Bureau
means to
and all the
be moved
giving
lucy
Sept 24th 1864
copy. etc.

Cotton Bureau Sept 24. 1862
Haverhill Sept 24. 1862

R. A. Croiss Esq. Cpt
Cold Spring

Sir:

Mr Vizcaya the act for the Mexican
Cotton, has been in several times for a
settlement, but as I am not in receipt
of your certificate of Receipt I can-
not close with him -

Please send it to me at your earliest
convenience -

Mr Bailey has sent you a train of
wagons to take it to liberty. Please
send all the Cotton forward that can
be moved as the demand here is so
growing & constant that I am at a
loss to supply it -

Very truly

Yours
W. G. Hall
Capt & Agt
Army &c.

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✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss ✓
 Houston Sept 24. 1864.

Cal. W. A. Beaumont -
 San Antonio.

Cal. - I thank you for your note of the 1st inst from Rio Grande City and am glad to note that your acquisition of supplies in Mexico will relieve the pressure on us here. This week the Blockade Steamers will take from us 2500 Bales Cotton & we have not got it to give them -

On 1st Oct. Cotton goes up to 14, 16, 18, 20 & 22 - so as to put the game in Genl. Hatcher's own hands - We have got in considerable supplies & he is almost at that point where he can buy or not just as prices suit him - Importers will put up prices correspondingly, but if we are not anxious to take their goods they will probably lower the prices sufficiently to enable Cal H. to do so.

We are not getting Cotton in as fast as I hoped - Bagge Rope is a great drag - Giving Planters the double quantity is a weakness we never should have been guilty of - We get no thanks for it & are blamed because we do not supply the Baling material rapidly enough - Cal H. buys all he can find but the supply is totally inadequate to the demand -

You know by this time that Genl Smith had determined to publish the Presidents Regulations. I spread myself in opposition to it, but it was no use. Fortunately, just as the publication was to be made the new Regulations, approved Aug 3rd, were received here by Mr Shepherd. They will be published, unopposed, tomorrow. Col H. has sent you a copy to San A. & you will see that it negotiates us. It is deficient in one respect, however, & you must try to see how the want can be supplied. There is no provision for the acquiescence of Cotton by Govt. - Waiting until parties load our Bales & then sell us half as as to give the Govt $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in the shipment is too slow. Planters may choose to wait until the war is over before they will move their Cotton. What are we to do in the meantime? Mr Ballinger thinks the right of impressment is not touched in the new Regulations. If so we can work under Order # 34.

One thing is very certain. The people of these got the law, but it is changing King Heg for King Stock. It gives the Govt the claims we have tried to enforce, and it does not relieve them one bit. I think the day will come, when the people

will sigh for the rules of the Cotton Bureau
as the Hebrews did for the flesh pots of
Egypt - You have probably seen
Pryor's recent articles in the Austin Gazette -
It amuses me to think how he will feel
when he sees the beauties of the Law when
applied - He is as yet ignorant of the new
regulations, and his imagination only
pictures to him our disgrace upon the
publication of the old - A contemplation
of this chagrin in a few days will be a
happy reward for all his trouble -

Some one has advised Gen Smith that the
Bureau is paying specie in the West - He writes
to Col Hutchins about it - It seems that no
other Bureau or Dept pays specie even on the
Rio Grande. & considerable dissatisfaction is the
consequence - Please see what can be
done about this - I cannot keep any
clerks because I cannot pay specie - The
Agents in my district become demoralized
as soon as they know they were getting only
Ct. money. I ask most piteously for the appoint-
ment of a successor - If Gen Smith would
only give us able bodied men, who are afraid
of the army, we could make them work for
Couped - Exempt & Reserve Corps men will
not do it -

Very respectfully

Yr. obdt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt. 10th Regt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Army Head
Houston, Sept 24, 1864

Genl. J. R. Burns.

La Grange.

Genl -

I have your favor of 22nd. Just a
note contents -

In view of the great necessity for Salt,
I give you a letter to Mr. Garrison upon
which he will probably loan you the use
of the detailed men whose employment
in hauling Great Cotton is not probably
needed at the moment - From our
conversations on this subject you are
already aware that I am averse to being
made changeable with men who are
to be used in other departments. The
men who have been detailed to haul
Cotton should not be used for any
other purpose. & I only am willing
to give them up temporarily on account
of the probable failure of the Subsistence
Dept to obtain men soon enough to
supply the want for salt now existing.

Very respy

Yours at

Genl. G. Wells

Capt. K. G. M.

Adj. Genl.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Treas
Houston Sept 24. 1864.

Mr. W. H. Garrison Esq. Cpt.

La Grange

Sir:

At the request of Col Burns I write you this open letter, authorizing you to loan him temporarily the use of the men, detailed to haul Cotton for whom you have no immediate use -

The orders to Ball Hutehings & Co will probably absorb all the Cotton now will acquire within six weeks, and thus allow you to transfer the Teams & drivers to Col Burns for the Subsistence Department, taking his obligation to return the men at once when you call for them - He will show you my letter to him, also his authority from the Subsistence Dept, to Transport Salt for the use of the army -

The necessity for Salt is very great, and if you really have no use for the men now, it is better to employ them in hauling Salt than to let them remain idle - Col Burns will pay their Transportation himself - as I understand him to be a Contractor, and the Govt not liable for any freight engaged by him,

Very respy

Yr abt serv

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
ad, clp

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Sept 24. 1864

Capt D. E. Owens,
 Richmond

Capt -

I thank you for your of 24th inst &
 am sorry to hear your health is no better.
 If you can buy the Bagging & Rope - which
 must be good - a 70¢ - you can pay for
 it in Cotton a 40¢ only 15¢ C. & 25¢ low
 thing - 15¢ Midd - 25¢ Midd - You
 must take the Bill on form N. 12 - &
 when you deliver the Cotton get Mr John
 to make up the sale on form N. 44 -

I take note of the Cotton to come from
 Staffords' Point - Michan & Ryne lots are
 already here - Michan's very badly damaged.
 Also 5 Bales I do not know who from.

I have no one here who could change
 places with you - If Mr John would
 undertake your duties in St Bend. Co.
 I would be much obliged to him - but
 I do not see any way for paying anything
 but Confed money -

Very respy
 In obt serv
 C. G. Still
 Capt & Agt
 Adg. Chf.

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Cotton Bureau Sept 24. 1862

W. H. Moore Esq
New Bedford

Sir,

I have your favor of 23rd inst
concerning the exemption for 2 B/ Cottons,
which was in excess - Thanking
you for your promptness I remain
Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau, Sept 24. 1862

Thos. G. H. Cotton Esq
Oregonia.

Sir -

I have your favor of 23rd inst &
regret to note the disposition on the
part of the Planters to throw obstacles
in our way - I cannot send the
blank exemptions, but I can promise
that they shall not be delayed one day
after I receive your certificate of receipt.
They can mail me your receipt, or send
it by hand - in either case it will be
acted on at once,

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Cotton Bureau

Leatham Duncan Rept. Texas. Miss. ✓
Houston, Sept 24. 1864

Sherranue R. Arnold Esq Cpt
"Barthrop" ✓

Sir.

I have your favor of 22nd - but shall
contents -

I enclose your Receipt of Bagging & Rope,
none will be sent you - Please make
a direct application to Capt Smithell at
San Antonio - It will expedite shipment
to you -

Mr. Ball Hutchings & Co. say you
must of course load first all the
teams you had engaged under their
premises instructions - and give Col
Primes' teams the remainder - The
second order, I suppose, will go on
Primes' teams - The arrangement
for freight is their own matter. They
take the Leatham frame Government at
the points where you deliver it.

Very respy

Yours obt. serv
C. S. Kelly
Capt & Agt
Acty. Secy.

Central Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Huntsville Sept 24, 1864.

Maj. G. C. Rowan
Huntsville

Sir -

I have your favor of 22nd inst & note contents.

I think in cases where the propriety of removal is in question, they should be entitled to an exemption - but I do not know whether I have the authority to establish the rule - I think you might take the responsibility to promise it as a matter of equity - and I would carry out your agreement - think over it & decide upon it yourself using your own discretion -

In the case of the man who is not willing to become a party to either a sale or imprisonment, I think his refusal to comply with the rules constitutes it a case for imprisonment.

We do not want these matters left open, but prefer to close them as we go -

Very respt

Yours obt servt

G. C. Webb

Capt. T. A. M.

W. C. Webb

Cotton Bureau Dept of Agric
Houston, Sept 26, 1884.

Wm. H. Hackett Esq
Orange,
Ga.

I have your favors of 19th & 22nd inst & note your shipments of Cotton

The damaged bagging please me as far as possible - Lay aside that portion which is absolutely unfit for use & return it hereafter -

I enclose you an order for the negroes on the Gun Boat "Bell" - authorizing their use when not employed in the ship or on the Boat -

I have made a requisition for the sacks & buckets - There is no immediate prospect of getting them, As soon as I can I will forward what the Cotton Bureau will give me -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Hackett

Co. G. 11th

Capt & Agt

Oct 5th

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Housatonic Sept 26. 1854 213

Ben Stokes Esq Cpt
Providence,

Sir,

I enclose Cost of & Exemptions,
for examine 12 B.C. \$590.41 -
J. S. Handersdale 3 " 119.93
J. H. Winters. 15 " 360.14
O. H. Barber 2 " 115.51.
also Bagging & Rope. Receipts for each
to sign, which please return to me
when signed -

Very respy
Yr obt serv
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Eastern Bureau Receipts
Housatonic, Sept 26. 1854

N. W. Garrison Esq. Cpt.
La Grange,

Sir,

I have your favor of 21st inst. ✓
and enclose lot of Bagging & Rope
Receipts as requested - also Blank
Certificates

also Cost of & Exemptions -
Jas. H. Gardner. 6 B.C. \$560.43

Very respy
Yr obt serv
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Custom Bureau Repts from Hays
Hawthorne Sept 26. 1864

Co. C. Lund Esq Cpt
Hawthorne

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th inst
and note arrival of Cotton from
Mr Bailey & anticipated let for age of
Major part - As I had already
written you to forward all the Cotton
you had, I did not reply by telegraph
as requested - Please ship
by every train hereafter -

I have 2nd R/C from that Liberty by
Saturday's train, but no B/Lading -
Mr Gray should send me B/L always
stating, as you do, who the Cotton is
from upon what account -

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Smith

Custom Bureau Repts from Hays
Hawthorne Sept 26. 1864.

Geo. H. Chase Esq Cpt
Victoria.

Sir,

I have your favor of 21st inst &
now return you corrected cert of
B. & Pridger - 11 R/C. 5418⁶⁹

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Smith

Co. G. Will

Capt & Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss ✓
Houston Sept 26. 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq. Capt -
Huntsville.

Sir

I have your favor of 23rd Inst & make
contents -

I now enclose Cert of 2nd & Cert of value
(Lt Col Nutcrum) J. B. Bailey to R/C -
in two lots - Please sign the vouchers
& return direct to him -

I enclose also Cert of 1st & Exemption
B. Centinel - 26 R/C - of 1116.21

Please send me his Receipt for 2 aggs
& Rape when obtained -

Very respec

Yours truly

C. E. Wells

Capt & Agm
City Clk.

Cotton Bureau, Rept Trans Miss
Hannibal, Sept 26. 1864.

J. H. McLaughan Esq. Jr.
Parkers Bluff.

Sir,

Mr R. C. Cary, of Hannibal County
has six wagons & teams which he offers
for the transportation of Govt Cotton
If you have Cotton to load him with
please do so, and apply for his detail at
the same time, sending descriptive list.

Ship to Hannibal - Consign to J. S.
Reader Depot Agent. Freight (1 1/2 c)
One cent & a half per pound, per 100 miles.

Very respectfully

Yr obedt servt

Co. W. Wells

Capt & Agt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Sept 26, 1864

Major R. H. Jones,
Major G. W. Walker,
Waco.

Mr. R. E. Cox of
Haustrall County proposes to put into
Govt service twelve wagons and teams,
and I send him to you hoping you
will find it convenient to employ
his train -

Mr Cox desires to haul salt on
his return trip - as it is an
article of pressing necessity, &
without it very little meat will be
saved this winter, please facilitate
him as much as you can in justice
to Govt -

Very respectfully
Yours etc
G. G. Wells
Capt & agm
Coty. 26

Cotton Bureau Sept 26. 1864
Hawthorn Sept 26. 1864

R. A. Cross Esq. Lth
Cold Spring

Sir,

I have your favor of 19th inst. & your remembrance about the Hernandez Cotton and a full reply to my letter of 24th inst. to you -

Enclosures received - The Hernandez Receipt by Bales. I reserve until you send statement & Receipt for the Balance. I now enclose ~~Receipt~~ Receipt for 10 B/C B. Byrd - When you send me Bagg & Rope Receipt will send Cert. of.

Hereafter you may make shipments to West Liberty - Mr. Lund has made arrangements with S. Gray the Lth (R.R.) there to take care of & forward the Cotton - I am already in receipt of 24 Bales of the Hernandez lot -

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Wells
Capt. & Agent
Actg. Lth.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston. Sept 24. 1854
Col. S. J. H. Kinney
Austin.

Dear,

I am in receipt of your favor also in
both from San Antonio. I note contents -

Both Col Hutchins & myself are powerless to
relieve you from any inconveniences on the
Rio Grande. I do not see any objection to a
division of the cotton on the Rio Grande, and
should think Mr Perkins would undertake the
division without any hesitation but we have
no authority to tell him to do so. My return
extends only to the Colorado River, and my
orders would not be respected anywhere
beyond it. Col. Hutchins no longer has
any jurisdiction over the cotton business &
will not give any orders on the subject.

I must confess Col. that I will be glad
when your contract is completed. Its terms
are so different from those under which our
agents are working, that the dissatisfaction
in the several counties is very great and
embarrassing to us. I say the truth when
I tell you that your contract has prevented
us acquiring cotton as rapidly & abundantly
as we would have done without it. But
it has been approved by Col Broadwell - is
a just contract for paying debts arranged

for by yourself & Judge Kenner under Col.
Hutchins' direction by order of Genl Smith
and I submit that you have a right to
carry it out throughout the old Hutchins
District - Hence I have never given
any orders against your arrangements &
will not do so. But I trust you will
soon get the required quantity & leave
us a clear field -

You have done wrong to go into the
Districts of Capt Barnett & Benge
they have always been independent of Col
Hutchins; and have a right to control
the Country north West of the following
line of Counties - Sabine, San Augustine,
Angelina, Cherokee & Henderson - including
these counties - Some Counties in
Col Hutchins' old District were designated
as not covered in your contract - These
I believe you have not operated in -

Col. Broadwell will soon be in San
Antonio. Your only remedy for settling
matters on the Rio Grande, is to apply to
him - He will not withhold anything
from you that you are entitled to have,
& he will concede that you are entitled
to a free passage for half the cost of your
trip to the Rio Grande and back.

Very respectfully
C. C. Wells
Capt Kagn

Cotton Bureau Rept Trans Miss

Houston Sept 24. 1864. ✓

R. G. Porter Esq.

Bellville, Austin Co. ✓

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst to Col
Hatchins - & note contents -

I understand Gen Smith's order as
applying to all the Cotton in the State
irrespective of owners or the purposes
to which it is to be applied -

It would seem that Mrs Kearns
Cotton being unexempt when it came
into her possession, can only become
exempt by a surrender of a like
amount to Gov. - The effect of an
exemption would be to enhance the
value of her Cotton 100 per cent - Con-
sequently if she disposes of it as un-
exempt she suffers no loss but stands
just where she did before the publication
of the order -

Since this organization has been in operation
the value of Cotton has been enhanced about
100 per cent.

Unexempt Cotton brings in
this market 9¢ Specie - Eight months
ago 4¢ was an outside figure -

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Ady. Gen.

Cotton Bureau Rept Trans Miss
 Houston Sept 24. 1864. ✓
 R. G. Fortis Esq.
 Belleville, Austin Co. ✓
 Sir,

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 Hatchins. & note contents.

I understand Gen Smith's order as
 applying to all the Cotton in the State,
 irrespective of owners or the purposes
 to which it is to be applied -

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 into her possession, can only become
 exempt by a surrender of a like
 amount to Govt. - The effect of an
 exemption would be to enhance the
 value of her Cotton 100 per cent. - Con-
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Very respectfully
 C. C. Wells

Capt & Agt
 Ady. Gen.

Eastern Bureau Dept. of Justice ✓

Wash. D.C. Sept 27, 1884.

W. H. Madison Esq. Jr.
Grandview,

Sir,

I have your favor of 21st. but I
note contents — I did not appear,
when you went to your office, & you
would find much to do — If you
come back I suppose you will have
to go to your Residence — but as you
are out of my District now I have
no right to give any orders —

Genl. Slaughter left yesterday
for Brownsville, to assume command
of the Western District —

There is no vacancy in any Department
of the Bureau — If you wish to be
relieved you had better use your
influence with Genl. Slaughter

Very respectfully

Wm. B. Wells
Capt. Agm.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Mex
Houston, Sept 27. 1864

A. Whitaker Esq.
Brenham.

Sir.

I have your favor of 20th Inst
made over & desire to exempt 21 Ac
in Breckstone County. by a sale &
resale on account of goods you propose
to sell to Col Hutchins -

I find that you have been paid in
full - Mr. Lohm at Richmond having
turned over to Mr. Dunn the Cotton I
have your orders for - Not
being indebted to you in form I cannot
agree to exempt the Cotton. Your
best plan will be to turn over half
& exempt the other half under the
rules.

Very respectfully
Yours
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt.

Mr. D. C. Stone
at Fairfield is our agent -

Extra Bureau kept from Miss
Houston, Sept 24, 1864.

Henry Asawell Pons
Millican.

Gent.

I have your favor of 19th - the 1st &
note contents -

Before I can reply adequately to your
questions as to rates & mode of payment
for services, I would be glad to have
your proposition - Please keep in
view that the service is purely Governmental
& that I am not allowed to make any
extraneous arrangements - I am
aware that there is no necessity for you
to assume business which will not
pay you, but if you are willing to
undertake it I will do the best I can
toward payment, and be glad to secure
your assistance - My previous relations
with your Mr. C. J. Asawell lead me to
desire a renewal of the connection.

Very respectfully

prob. Oct.

C. G. Mills

Capt. Adam

Cotton Bureau Dept. of War
Houston Sept 27. 1864

A.C. Stone Esq. Esq.
Fairfield

Sir,

I have your favor of 22nd inst with
enclosures.

I am in a quindary about payment of
Agents. The Repat Agts. of the old
Texas Cotton Office, were paid in Cotton at
Schedule rates for the work they did in Cotton,
say Storage, Rec^d. & Forward^g, Claiming, marking
weighing, - amtg to 90% for 1864. Mr.
Stones at New Orleans has been settled with
on this basis -

As all our agents
are now Repat Agts. more or less, I will
try to arrange for their payment in proportion
to the work done - allowing them however
only to charge for actual work - say

Storage for me.	25%	Rec ^d . & Forward ^g .	25%
Claiming	10%	Marking	10%
weighing	5%	Sampling	5%
Drayage	10%		

These charges only to be made when incurred,
& to be in full payment of salary, Office &
warehouse rent & all expenditures made by
the Agent - If I can so arrange it, I
think it will be satisfactory.

Very respectfully
Wm. G. Wells

Cap. Agents etc. etc.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houma, Sept 24. 1874.

Dear Honorable Genl
Brenham.

Sir, I have your papers of 23rd,
23rd & 24th inst - I now enclose Cert of
& Exemptions you -

R. D. & S. D. Bonathens. 9 B/C. 1889.45.

J. C. Redman -

John Minor,

do

do

5th Exemption -

Bill Baggt Rope -

4th Sales 23 B/C

Exemptions 23 B/C

Get Minor to sign the Bill & sale &
return them to me -

The W. Miller & Black papers are at
hand - all night -

I enclose you your own accounts -

One - Cal McKinnis - to close Bal paid you 444.35

•

do

for Bal due you, June 30, 218.95

•

mine -

• But since July 1st 434.40

Receipt all the papers - Select a lot
of cotton that will pay you - Send me
a statement of it - Return the papers
& bill at once send you the exemption
to cover it -

Very respectfully

Ant due to you

Cal N. Latta Office 218.95 at schedule

Cotton Bureau

434.40

new schedule

656.35

Wm H. Miller

Co. G. 1st Regt

Capt & Co.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Hamilton Sept 27. 1884
 W. H. Harrison Esq at
 La Grange,
 Ga.

I enclose Cost age & Expense terms
 for W. Robinson 15 R/C. \$45.90 -
 Wm. Seallan 5 " 400.74 -

Very respectfully
 J. G. Wells
 Capt & Agt
 Anti-Slavery

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Hamilton Sept 27. 1884
 J. S. Neader Esq Capt
 Nevada

Sir, I have your favor of 24th recd
 & make corrects - Have also
 for R/C for Central RR yesterday -
 I enclose Cost age & Expense terms
 for R. Spauld - 4 R/C - \$157.58.

Very respectfully
 J. G. Wells
 Capt & Agt
 Anti-Slavery

228.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston. Sept 24. 1864 -
Ben. Stokes Esq of
Brenham,
Tex.

I enclose Exemptions for
Mr. Miller & Black. 104 Bales - 84.327 lbs
which please hand to them. This
closes their business with us -
Your statement was a model of
clearness, & I wish every agent did
as well in the way of papers -
Very respy

C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Texas Miss
Houston Sept 24. 1864
Messrs Vance & Bros.
San Antonio,
Tex.

By request of E. W. A. Rawlings
of Huntsville, Walker County I send you
Exemptions in his name you
365 - 33 Bales - 26.500 lbs
364 - 40 " 29.728 "
Please acknowledge receipt of same
to him -

Very respy
C. G. Wells

Eastern Bureau Sept 27th 1864
 Houston, Sept 27, 1864

H. B. Bailey Esq. Jt
 Huntsville

Sir.

I have your favor of 26th inst & note contents.

Your attention to Mr Walker's matter will greatly oblige me.

I enclose Certified accts.

H. A. Rawlings	40 Bal.	\$ 1942.88
do	33 "	1590.30

The exemptions I have sent to Vance & Mrs. Sam Antonio, as requested.

Your apt for \$25.00 seems to have got into trouble. After having paid the full amount of Jorgins draft I left word with Mr Sorley (& showed him your letter recd. a few days after) to leave the apt with me cancelled, which he promised to do. Sorley gave me no money back, consequently either Sorley or yourself owe \$25.00. Please have it fixed & return me the apt cancelled.

Very respectfully

C. G. Kelly

Cash &c

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Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Affairs
Houston, Sept 27. 1864

Messrs Moore & Smaker
Orange.

Sir,

I have your favor of 26th inst &
have 112 R/E from Sept Dec by to-
-day's train -

Col Snodgrass is now in Matamoros -
I have no idea when he will return,
but as he is making a flying trip I
look for him shortly -

Very respy
C. G. Wells
Sept 27,

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Affairs
Houston Sept 27. 1864

S. A. Miller Esq At
Crockett,

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th inst,
with enclosures -

You are right not to change N.R.
Wilson's contract from 1st to 2nd
Paragraph. I have always been
opposed to the promise to pay specie
as it hampers our operations -

Very respy

Yours at
C. G. Wells
Sept 27

Cotton Bureau Dept Home Miss
Harrisburg. Sept 28. 1864.

Feb.

I have the honor to request renewal of
detail of
Private June W. Baker, Capt. R. W. Carrs' unattached
letter: see -

for service in this Bureau, in charge of a
train of wagons, transporting Cotton to the
Rio Grande,

Mr Bakers original detail was granted at
West Hd Qrs, Maj Gen Abaguerden. Apr 30. 1864.

Please order him to report to me for duty.

Very respectfully

for all con

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Acty. Clk.

Wm. A. C. Jones

Chief of Staff

When detail is read - send to Baker -
name Boulds Baker & Co at Breunhard

✓ Citrus Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houma La Sept 28. 1864

General,

I have the honor to request the
transfer of
Private R. H. Cabaniss Co. C. 1st Regt.

Heavy Artillery -
for service in this office.

Mr. Cabaniss is on sick leave - he is
not fit for field service and is an
invaluable clerk -

I have several times had the honor to
call your attention to the fact that our
office is very deficient in clerks and
that the Reserve Corps men will not come
with us - Men who are not subject to
field duty will not undertake to do the
steady work required of them in this office.

I trust, General, that you will grant
this application and send Cabaniss to
report to me for duty.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Kelly

Capt & Agt

Actg. Clk.

✓ Genl E. Kirby Smith

Commander Dept. Trans. Miss.

Shreveport, La.

Tracy Cotton Office
Huntsville Sept 28 1864

St. Andrew's Exp.

I ship you on to day, train
one bale of India Wadding 360 yds.
Have acknowledge receipt of same
Still forward you rope and more Wadding
soon as it comes to hand.

Very Respectfully
C. H. Miller
Capt. & agent...

Tracy Cotton Office
Huntsville Sept 28 1864

Mr. A. P. Luffin
Huntsville

Will ship you forward on
return train all the Cotton Rope & wadding on hand
We are in much want of Wadding & staple.

Very Respectfully
C. H. Miller
Capt. & agent
Huntsville

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Sept 28. 1864

Capt J. H. Harris,
 Sweet Home,
 Capt.

I have your favor of 25th rec'd & am
 glad to note your difficulty about exemption
 has been solved -

For the Cotton the Ladies took for spinning
 from Holand & Gummalls bales (11 Bales)
 same sort of a voucher will have to be had.

Please see if you cannot have the Cotton returned.
 If no men were concerned in the exchange
 I do not see that you can take harsh measures,
 but you can make up a statement of the laws, in
 triplicate, supported by sworn evidence,
 Send me two copies as my vouchers & send the
 other to the Co. S. Dist. Ct. at Austin for his
 action -

It will not do to let the
 matter pass just so, as you or someone
 else would have to pay for the Cotton, &
 that would neither be profitable or pleasant.

Very respec

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Lebanon Bureau Dept Texas Miss
 Houston Sept 28. 1864

J. J. Cooke Esq. Sir,
 Memphis

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th & 25th inst. & more contents - As long as you can make parties deliver their Cotton at the R.R. it is well to do so, but rather than fail to secure their Cotton by purchase we should take it from them as Plantations -

I note with pleasure your decision to retain the Agency - How to escape the 'evil report' the people so continuously bless us with I cannot tell you - It seems that we have to bear it, act as we will -

I am about trying to arrange a mode of payment to Agents which I think will prove satisfactory.

The old Texas Cotton Office allowed its Depot Agents to charge for Storage from 25¢ Receiving from 25¢ Warehousing 10¢ Weighing 5¢ Marking 10¢ Sampling 5¢ - Drayage 10¢ - making 90¢ per Bale - but only such charges to be made as for work actually performed - payable in Cotton at Schedule prices - & to be in full satisfaction of all Expenses - services - clerks - warehouse rent &c.

As you all do the work of a Depot Agent now, I have hopes of being able to have the old mode of payment revived - & so it shall never again recover all you have done -

Very truly

C. G. Felt
 Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houma Sept 28. 1864.

S. K. Gaskie Esq. C. L.
Houma

Sir,

I have your favor of 25th - her with
enclosures -

I have no Large Black here & cannot
obtain any - try to make your substitutes
answer - In filling orders from this Office
the information I want from you is this -
From whom purchased - description &
weight - no of Bales - to whom delivered -
This information enables me to mark the
Cotton off the Books properly and give
your Agency account the proper
credit - In shipping Cotton
you should say on given by looking
from whom received - class weight
& no of Bales -

Very respectfully
Yours
C. G. Welch
Capt &c

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Affairs
 Houston Sept 28. 1864

Major A. S. Cabell G. M.
 Houston

Major,

I am in receipt of your favor
 of 20th 20th to Col Broadwell & 22nd sent
 to self - I was content -

As you send no descriptive list of Jacob
 Allen I cannot make the application for his
 detail - I make your own application to
 Maj J. C. Thomas, U. S. Col. Ser. W. W. with Tex
 Houston. I enclose to me. I will get you the
 detail on it & forward to you -

As respects old wine, I find great difficulty
 in using it here in the manner prescribed by
 Col Broadwell, and have to give my Com.
 etc. in the most instances - I do not see
 how you can avoid doing otherwise, as I
 see no present prospect of obtaining the
 new wine we have been led to promise
 parties who sold Cotton to us -

I sent Mr Keyser a supply of Blank Exemptions
 to forward you - I enclose you a sample
 of the Exemptions & Cotton purchase vouchers
 & recommend you to have a supply printed
 at San Antonio - They can be more readily
 obtained there than here.

Very respectfully,
 C. G. Kelly
 Capt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
Houston Sept 28. 1864.

Capt D. E. Owens
Richmond

Sir - I have your favor of 27th
but. & note contents - I think your
account can be fixed in the way you
desire -

I write Mr John not to receive the
Knox & Buckley Cotton unless they make
a fair divide - It looks like a gorge
to me -

Very respy

O. G. Hill

Capt

(Capt)

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
Houston Sept 28. 1864

Maj. A. H. Willie
San Antonio.

Sir,

I have your favor of Sept 28th &
note contents - The exemption of G. H.
House for 80 B. Cotton, appears on the
record as June 9th - As there is no
other entry of 80 Bales for him, it must
be an error in the entry as to date -

Very respy

O. G. Hill

Capt

(Capt)

Cotton Bureau Dept Lane Miss
Hawthorn Sept 28. 1864.

A. W. Knorr Esq. Esq.
Victoria,

Sir,

I have your favor of 28th last & make
conclude -

I find that I have given certified accts.
for Cotton on your receipt - 223 Bales,

same Bills of Lading from your
including Maj. Bayhams receipt
amounting to -

Leaving still to be accounted for 144 1/2 Bales

The best way for you to explain it
will be to send me a statement showing
Receipts & Deliveries, by lots.

Very respect

Yr obt serv
C. G. Hall
Capt. Ragn

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
Havana Sept 28. 1864

Mr. Wm. Esq. Esq. -
Received

Sir -

I have your instructions, for
Mr. Gard - Sorry I did not see you -

I find I have not given the American one
Exemptions so far - hence I enclose,
Exemptions now - 6 American - 45 Bales,
do do 106 "

A. W. W. W. W. 19 "

If you have made up sales for the time lot,
please send them to me - If not please
send me three blanks signed & I will have
them made up here -

I enclose voucher for Jaser to sign - I
will pay your draft for \$50 - Do not
want to give Cotton for it - I'll up in
percel the terms of the Bill - say no Bales
from where to where - distance - what
lots - Mr. Pacey will make it up in our -

The Inlet & Bunkley matters are passed
as they have the Gov. Bagg & Wipe - but it
is right to refuse to receive their cotton unless
they have made a fair division as to quality -
Their disposition to gauge must be checked
at the start - If the division is proved
to be a fair one, we will give the same
price that parties will allow to us - You
can find out from Dunn or Wood, what they
are willing to take it at -

You can buy Rumus Bagging & Rope,
 some a 30¢ - Cotton at new schedule
 prices. He must be persuaded, however,
 to advance us a little on the payment
 as Woods order comes in before this.

I write Mrs Long Mason today to
 tell her that she cannot have the exemption
 until her Cotton is delivered - If you
 or Capt Owens can expedite the delivery
 by receipting to her for her share please
 do so, & advise her to send your Receipt
 to me - I will attend to it without
 delay - Tell her to ship her

Cotton to Manchester, to S. M. Bagby,
 Apts. I write her the same thing -

Have you sent her the two coils Rope
 & 3 lbs Bagging she asks for?

Very respy

Yours at

C. G. Wells,

Capt. &c.

Cotton Bureau kept same this
 Warehouse Sept 25. 1864
 The Hon. Mason
 Staffords Point.

Madam,

I have your favor of 26th
 Inst to Capt Ames, in relation to the
 delivery of your Cotton

Report I can give the exemption
 it will be necessary to deliver the bales
 sold to Govt. & obtain Capt Ames
 Receipt for it. Upon this Receipt
 I will make the settlement & give
 the exemption for a like quantity
 authorizing you to export sell or
 hold it as you may prefer -

I am anxious to meet your
 wishes, but the orders prevent me
 from giving an exemption in advance,
 Send me Capt Ames Receipt & the
 return mail shall carry you the
 necessary exemption -

Sincerely

Yours truly
 A. D. Kelly
 Capt. Kayne

Just Nichols belongs

to the State Cotton Office, & has nothing
 to do with the Govt -

Citrus Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Maunabo Sept 25. 1884

John Haleha Esq
Alleeja.

Sir -

I have your favor of 25th inst &
note contents.

I enclose Certs of Exemptions

for -

P. E. Waddell

15 Bds \$510.59

J. O. Garner

" " 487.98

R. Cooke

29 " 3344.76

Very respy

Wm H. H. H.

Dr G. H. H.

Capt V. H. H.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas News
Houston, Sept 28. 1864

C. H. P. Cameron Esq Esq,
Lena.

Sir,

I have no comparison of 23rd and
Trade Contents - One answer at hand
Do not neglect to send me by leading of
every shipment. It will aid in keeping
your cotton accounts straight -

It will facilitate your operations
you are hereby authorized to apply to your
County Enrolling Officer for details for
transportation - Be careful to protect
the honor of the Office by applying for a
few as you can possibly get along with

You may buy Mr. Walker's Bagging.
Calculate how many pieces it will take for
a Bale - call that amount 5 1/2 yds - at 10
60¢ per yard. I pay in Cotton at new schedule
prices - say 8¢ higher on each grade than
the schedule you buy Cotton with.

If you make the purchase send me a Bill
of the Bag - a statement of the Cotton you
have given him showing Bales pounds &c as
known when purchased - I will then
send you the necessary papers to close the
transaction -

Very respectfully

G. E. Hill

Sept 28th 1864

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
 Worcester Sept 25. 1874.
 Geo. J. Alford Esq. Apt.
 Newport.

Sir,

I thank you for your favor of 20th & herewith make
 over acceptance of the Agency - I trust
 you will be able to produce good results
 from Trinity County.

I enclose you one form each of
 Contracts for seed cotton -

Certificates of Receipt for Cotton

Receipt for Bagging & Rope delivered -

Bill of Lading

Weekly Report of Purchases -

I send you a supply of each in another
 Package. Together with 2000 cap & letter paper
 Envelopes, your holdens & pens - I have no
 blank books to send but you can make
 one out of the paper -

Any information you need on special
 points will be supplied on application.

As the business of the Agency will
 not require you to leave the County,
 no general pass is needed - If one is
 absolutely necessary I will endeavor
 to obtain it for you -

Very respectfully
 C. G. Kelly
 Capt. R.

✓
 Cecilia Duncan Esq. James Miss,
 Houston, Sept 28. 1844.

J. & Wadsworth Esq. Gt.
 Havana.

Sir,

✓
 I have your favor of 24th inst with
 respect -

It is now too late now to alter the Spanish
 papers unless you have retained them
 & can return them - I had them made
 up on your receipt - Experience has
 taught me that we cannot depend upon
 the samples & promises, & it is safer always
 not to issue your Receipt until you know
 what you are doing it on - However,
 this is a small matter & if Mr Spain
 has got his papers let him keep them,
 but make it good next time -

Very respectfully

W. G. Wells

Capt &c.

I enclose you H. D. Sonley & Co's acknowle-
 -ment that they owe you \$25. specie - I
 paid the whole amt to Sergius & consequently
 left out your \$25⁰⁰ as the amt was not
 presented until afterwards - Sanford
 Southern can collect the amt if you assign
 it to him - I would like to get that
 amt & destroy it so I would hear no more
 about it - Mr Sonley ought to have advised
 me two or three weeks ago -

He would -

Custom Bureau Dept of Treas Miss
Houston Sept 25. 1864.

W. Holmes Esq
Independence,

Sir,

I have your favor of 26th inst &
note your proposition to buy an
Exemption at \$30 - per Bale - the
same to be held on deposit until
the machinery for your factory is
introduced -

This Office has never sold an
Exemption and cannot begin doing
so now, as no such arrangement is
proposed in the orders under which
we are working -

I will carry out Genl Smith's
endorsement on your papers - i.e. -
for every Bale you deposit with
this Office, in condition to be made
available if necessity requires, I will
exempt another Bale for exportation -
The Bale so pledged shall be returned
to you upon proper evidence that you
have imported the machinery -

Very respectfully

Wm. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Ady. Clk.

Custom in the act, in form, indicated, is not necessary - as it
cannot be made available in this condition -

Cotton Bureau Sept 28. 1864.

Sept 28. 1864.

J. S. Wells Esq Gt
Montgomery

Sir.

I have your favor of 23rd inst.
with enclosures.

I enclose Cert of Small Warehouse
as per § 457.22. & Exemptions as
desired - \$ 3.44 - for 5 Bales
\$ 3.45 " 10 "

On Sept 20th I received from you
from Cypress. 24 Bales cotton,
part in Bark Bagging - One of the
Bales needed repacking & on breaking
it up it was found damaged & this led
to an examination of the whole, & it was
found damaged, water soaked & plated
throughout - The lot classed

Good only	8 Bales	3.841 lbs
Low Middle	16 "	7.349 "
Middling	3 "	1.446 "

I have no means of knowing how much
the loss in weight was but the above
particulars may guide you in making
reclamation on the party you bought
of - The rejection of the worthless
Cotton makes the Bales light.

Very respy
C. S. Wells
Capt &c

Colonel Bureau Dept Texas
 Houston Sept 29. 1864

I certify that Mr. G. Gerson has imported
 into Texas and sold to Col Hutchins large
 amounts of valuable army stores, and that
 he is in daily expectation of the receipt of
 more supplies by sea which have been
 selected abroad with special reference to
 the wants of the army. In his petition

can be granted I do not hesitate to say that
 his services in this line will be more ben-
 efit to the Government than in his present
 position as a private in the Reserve Corps.

If the request is not granted he will have
 to abandon his efforts to introduce supplies
 as the business requires continuous personal
 attention which his duties as a soldier will
 not allow him to devote to it.

Co. E. 9th Ills
 Capt Vagm.
 Adj. Gen.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. & Com.
Haverton Sept 29. 1864

W. H. Harris Esq
Supt. Gen'l & C. O. R. D.
Haverton

Sir. I have at West Liberty and Liberty
a considerable quantity of Government
Cotton awaiting shipment to Haverton,
and as the through trains from Beaumont
will be regularly laden with Cotton at
that place I respectfully request
that you send to Liberty on Saturday
an extra train of 8 or 10 cars -

Please instruct your Conductor to leave
enough cars at West Liberty to bring
away the Cotton there. I will have
at West Liberty, probably 80 Bales.
at Liberty 200
I would be glad to have it all moved
at once if possible -

(Very respectfully)

Wm. A. G. Wells

Asst. Secy.

Capt. Ag. C.

Acty. Chf.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans. Affairs
 Houston Sept 29. 1864

Samuel Greer Esq. et
 West Liberty

Sir,

Mr Morris Supr in A.C.R.R. will
 send out an extra train on Saturday &
 will leave you as many cars as you
 will require to ship all the Gaudin
 Cotton now in your possession -

Please send me a B Lading or
 statement showing who the separate
 lots of Cotton are from -

I recd. 24 Bales from West Liberty
 on 24th inst, but no advice as to where
 the Cotton came from - I can tell
 sometimes from the marks but to
 prevent confusion & to enable me to
 mark off the Cotton properly from my
 Cotton Book it is necessary that your
 B Lading should show particulars -

Very yours

Wm. G. Wells

Actg. Secy

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Actg. Secy

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Cotton Bureau Rept James Mies
Houston, Sept 29, 1864
C. C. Lund Esq
Liberty

Sir -

Mr Morris Supr Expt. O.R.R. will
send out an extra train on Saturday -
8 or 10 cars, - He will leave as many
at West Liberty as Mr Gree requires
& leave the balance with you -

Ship all the Cotton you can get off,
including the Mass Cotton - Please
send me separate Bill, loading for my
guidance -

I have written Mr Gree about the
necessity of sending me a B;inding
or statement showing from whom the
Cotton was purchased or received -
If you see him call his attention
to it -

I have paid Betells freight Bills
as presented, and am ready to pay
the balance when he sends for it -
Very respec

Yr aff. serv
C. C. Wells
Capt & Agt
Adg. Off.

Estou Bineau Dept. Indus. Min
Hawtaw. Sept 30. 1864 -

John Hallett Esq Capt
Allington.

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I enclose good the cert of C. A. Buckle, of B. Cotton & proceed to explain the settlement -

When the old Cal. Warden the Dull of Good,
of which I sent you cert up, he had 22 Bales
unexempt Cotton at Alleyton, which he wanted
exempted. Col. Hutchins did so by giving
him an exemption dated April 30. 1864
for 22 Bales Low Middg Cotton - As usual
at that time we charged it up to him
as 11 Bales L.H. - 5390 lbs - \$700.40 -
this left a Balance due him
which you have just paid \$2,095.90
making the full amount
of the certified account
which this agent should
sign -

\$2,796.60

Mr. Anshukles humay to get away was
so great that he did not call at the office
to settle - His agent can satisfy himself
on this matter, as he will know that Anshukles
used the exemption at the time. I took the
order for \$2095.90 in full satisfaction of
the balance - If this matter is
not settled will withhold the

Cotton Bureau Dept from Miss
Hawatow Sept 30, 1864 -

W. H. Garrison Esq At
the Grange -

Sir -

I have your favor of 27th inst
concerning of - Col Hutchinson's bill - and now enclosed
you the papers - To receive the bill to
the value of the 8 B/C - I leave out 100 Bales
as marked in your statement - There let you
can put into the next acct - Return me
the statement after examination - Sign and
return.

Cert of - June 30 -

\$29.70

"

Sept 27

\$104.70

\$134.40

Abels Sales - 8 B/C @

\$134.05

Keep the Exemption & apply it to the M.S.

Paper let as you wish -

I note you have been making advances
to Steamers - You do this at your own risk,
& to save yourself you should write to Capt
Swickert to keep the amount of advances out of
the freight bills - If you do not, he may neglect
to do so & you will be injured -

For the Repairs on Cotton, I will pay you on
a bill of times - I was one of advances, however,
there is absolutely no way by which I can refund
them - Capt Swickert may save you if you write
in time -

I am compelled to charge new rates, or I would
take pleasure in giving you the benefit of the old.
Very respect C. G. Wells
Capt -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Navy Office
Houston, Sept 30. 1864

Capt. H.B. Lee Esq.
Birmingham.

Sir,

I have your favor of 25th inst & approve
the proposition to bring over Bales Cotton
from Pulaski in covered Flat Boats
at the compensation of every tenth bale - but
I have no authority to make the contract.
Refer the gentleman to Capt H.C. Black
of the Cotton Bureau, D.M. at New Orleans La.
The Cotton is from La. & is in his charge, or
rather under his control -

I have 103 Bales from you - I note
your remark that the river interferes
with shipments - Please continue
your efforts, they have already done much
toward relieving me -

Very truly
yours

G. G. Wells

Capt.

Central Bureau Dept Genl Mails ✓
 Hanover Sept 26. 1862

A. S. Under Esq Esq
 Hanover,

Sir,

I have your favor of 29th last & am
 enclosing you enclosed list of
 Geo. R. Spaulding - # 1812 - \$93.68 -

I cannot agree to Mr Calamell or any other
 gentleman hauling any more Cotton wool
 out of my District - Send him to Mr.
 H. C. Dean Esq of Prosser & Buchanan Co.
 or to Maj Davis & Walker at Hales - anywhere
 west of the line of Railroad - All the
 RR & Eastern Cotton must continue to
 come here -

I have at last received your \$25.00
 from Conley & Co. I hold it here subject
 to your order - The draft came to
 value in yours of 29th last

Very respectfully

Wm. S. Root

C. C. Wells

Captain

Received of the Treasurer of the
 City of New York the sum of \$100.00
 for the purchase of the
 City of New York
 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst. relating
to the plan. I have ordered a scope and, will send it -
I have also ordered a detachment, to transport, gear, cotton,
and most of the necessary supplies, individuals.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,

I have a letter to you about a contract. Please
ask him, and report
to me about the cost of
the work. If we can control it
it is worth repaying. You can make a
contract with him to have it done at the
following rates -

For shipping, unloading, packing, weighing &
putting in marketable order - \$ 5.00 per Bale.

Payable in Cash at schools - 1882 - 1883.

The well dug from time to time by digging & Dye at
cost of gr. or oil. If it had been closed off schedule
rates - The Collier paid to have to be

except - that of the order that it puts up.
If the Cotton is more than ordinary it is not worth
the expense of repacking - The Cotton in each new
Bale must be of the same quality - Mixed packed
is overvalued & would come back as is -

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Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Affairs
Havre, Sept 30. 1852.

J. E. Wilson Esq.

Brayonia -

Sir -

I have your favor of 29th. but I
note your proposition to repair & make some
Gout? Cotton now at Columbia going to waste.

I have no knowledge of any Gout Cotton at
Columbia except in charge of Mr. Adman & Mr.
Hawkinson, and would be glad to have some
explanation as to what the Cotton is and where
kept. it belongs to - If it is Gout Cotton

it belongs to Mr. Henry Sampson Esq of Insurance
Cotton & he should be notified as the Navy Dept
has refused to let this Bureau have a Bale of it
Cotton -

I wrote to Mr. Adman about this Cotton &
he will confer with you -

Your proposition of 12 for 12 cannot be acceded
to - I will buy your Baggs & Rope to the
extent it is used on the Cotton - Pay, you
\$500 for Bale for the labor - & settle with you
for the whole in the same Cotton as per
prices, exempted -

Very respectfully

J. E. Wilson

Capt

✓
F. E. Bowley Esq. and
Huntville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst. and will
comply. You will be supplied with 100 lbs. cotton - 2
in each quantity as per form etc. It is impossible to
keep up a sufficient supply of 100 lbs.

✓
Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servant
G. H. Wells.

✓
H. S. Rowland Esq.
P. S. M. Agent
Jasper

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th inst. and
make comment. The custom in your charge was refused
to be a good cotton, such as this office has jurisdiction
but we had no idea it was like cotton.
Your own communication is perfectly satisfactory.
but this office has no control over the custom
of your charge.

✓
Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servant
G. H. Wells
Wash & Co.

Quartermaster's office
Harrison Sept 20, 1864

Mr. Wm. Beckwith Esq
Lawrence

Sir

Enclosed find \$12 from T. F. McKinnis for 31 Balls
returned on acct of his contract with John Jones.

Very respectfully
yrs obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & Quar

Quartermaster's office
Harrison Sept 20, 1864

Capt T. C. Farnsworth
San Antonio

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst and in
receipt from Mitchell & Walker for \$992.75 no balance,
being a payment on acct of their indebted acct for
\$2,000. The transfer of funds in this matter
will be to me, and not to Col. Lupton. Please as
soon as practicable send a supply of B & R. to
at Reynolds apt at Bastrop, and to W. H. Faison at
La Grange.

Very Respectfully
yrs obt Servt

Capt & Quar

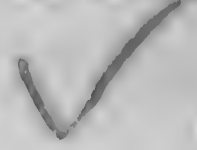
Quaternary office
London Sept 20, 1864

My dear Mr. Agt
London Sept 20, 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and
with content. You have already been furnished
with instructions in the usual forms and such as
can be given as necessary to you, for commu-
nication with you at Herbyville. A supply
of stationery & blanks have been mailed to you.
I request you act as agent without any further delay
and will probably protect you until we can obtain
an order covering you and similar cases.

When you need transport
you may then be accompanied with the descriptive
roll of the party whom you wish detailed. None but
experienced men and members of the service
who have transportation sufficient for
you can be detailed. The pay of teamsters are
\$4 per week and \$4 1/2 for overtime for 24 per
100 miles

Very Resp
Wm H. Frost
to G. H. Miller
to G. H. Miller



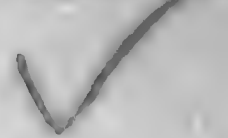
Quartermaster office
Houston Sept 30. 1864

Wm. H. Bell Esq. Capt.
Columbiana

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst.
from Boggs County and note contents. I will send
you a copy of the report of the surveyor as early as practicable.
The purchase of the grazing crop the same
as before. There will be no difficulty in not
allowing having his cotton baled at government
price. As no one can have details made to transport
private cotton. Details can only be made to
be for the government. All cotton
purchased ~~from the~~ in Harrison County is
subject to the contract with Mr. Edwards and of
course he is entitled to that referred to as private
property residing in Boggs County, but where
plantations lie in Harrison County.

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Bell
Capt & Agt



Swanton office
London Sept 30. 1864

C. A. New England
to know

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst
from Hayes County and note contents. I will
be ready to stop at Edwington as early as practicable.
I am in purchase of the growing crop the same
as any other. There will be no difficulty in Mr.
Edwington having his cotton routed at government
rates. But no one can have details made to transport
himself. Details can only be made to
be sent to the govt. All cotton
purchased ~~from the~~ in Buchanan County is
subject to the contract with Mr. Edwards and of
course he is entitled to that as well to as purchased
from private residing in Hayes County, but since
plantations lie in Buchanan County

very respectfully
yours
H. G. Wells
Capt & Co

✓
 Southern Marine Office
 London Sept 24, 1844

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 To the Honorable Secy
 of the Navy

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th inst and
 much contented. The price for 1000 one 100 lbs
 of 1st and 2nd. You will ship all cotton purchased
 by you ~~for~~ to Harrods. Such cotton as is
 of your district from the district of other agents
 we cannot have no jurisdiction over, but
 is subject to the control of the party who ships
 it.

Very respectfully
 Your obt. servt
 W. G. Wells
 Capt & Agent

Quartermaster's office
Haverton Sept 30, 1864

Sept 24. 1864 Maydag
Linnit Head, Linnit

Sir

I have the honor to request the removal of
the detail of Jesse Fulcher, a private in Woods,
company, 1st Regt, for service in the Cotton
House in the transportation of government
property.

Fulcher was detailed on
the 24th of July last for 90 days, and
his detail is about expiring.

Please order him to
report to me for assignment to duty.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt

Sept 24, 1864
An dr h / in Cotton House

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Sept 30. 1864

C. S. Webb Esq

C. S. Leavelle Esq.

Matamor.

Sir -

I have the honor to enclose copy of my letter to Mr. C. W. Merriam, Super cargo Scher 'Blugray' - also R/R 30 R/R. shipper for that vessel for re-shipment to you, if practicable from the port she arrives at.

The instructions given her will be faithfully carried out, and, if she is not captured, you may rely upon receiving the Cotton or its net proceeds -

Mr Perkins has sent you from Matamoros \$50,000. in Arch & Greenbacks. Our great desire is to make purchases outside and thus obviate the necessity for buying them here effect, giving away our Cotton. Our purchases in Mexico have relieved us to a considerable extent already, & if you can send in about half cargo on each vessel arriving, we will not need to purchase much from there.

I have no reply from you to mine of 24 Inst. I am almost fearful of putting in force the 1st cargo Regulation, since I have seen the new Regulations Approved Aug 30 at Richmond which say that any vessel receiving Cotton from Govt. can carry away a full cargo.

Very respy

La C. Webb
Capt & Adj. Genl.

Colburn Bureau Rept Jan. 1862
 Newbury Sept 20. 1862

Capt -

This will be handed you by Capt J. M. Smith,
 who has been on duty with this Bureau since
 July 1861 at Orange - Capt Smith has been
 incurring his own expenses during the time he has
 been attached to this office and is entitled
 to compensation for quarters -

Any assistance you can give him
 will be duly appreciated by

Your obt. servt
 C. E. Kelly
 Capt &c

Capt H. E. Lockhart Agt
 Newbury.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Alies
Houston, Sept 30. 1864.

John Holston Esq. Jr.
Allegan

Sir -

enclosures -

I have your favor of 28th inst with

You have not yet sent me the acct vs Tex. Cotton
Office to June 30 - Mr Miller knows nothing of it -
let me have it again - I find the Balance vs
you on settlement of acct Dec 31st was \$20.43 - equal
to 15% of L.H. Cotton a 03rd -

Your execution of orders is very prompt - Send
me a memo. of amounts due the Office for overpayments
on orders &c so as to enable me to compare -

I detached from Dowlkes 154 yds Bass - 168 lbs
Rope.

Enclose Cont of Exemption, W. Alley - 45 R/C
\$2220⁰⁰

& of Sales & Exemptions

John Holston	35 R/C -	\$2495.21
J. Rosefield & Son	45	2732.90

Return me the two latter signed -

Very respectfully

Yours
L. O. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau Receipts & Sales

Houston, Sept 30. 1864

M. W. Quinn Esq Ck
La Grange

Sir.

I have your favor of 27th inst with enclosure -
On 26th inst I sent you some Bag & Rope Receipts
& Certificates of Receipt for Cotton - I send
you to day a package of other Blanks and
some stationery -

I enclose Cert of Exemptions -

W. Odine	2	R/C.	\$103.90
J. Schwanke	2	"	25.46
Mrs. Carter	4	"	216.68
Robert Zapp	2	"	108.81
Wayne Hosney	2	"	84.21
S. H. Lewis	1	"	56.53
Marcus Gill	7	"	364.19

These small lots take up as much paper
time as large ones, & as I am rather
short of assistance in the office I
trust the parties will not be unusually
impatient because the Exemptions do
not return to you by the first mail
after receipt here -

Very respy
Yours
G. E. Mally
Ck & Co

San Francisco office
Sept 31, 1864

William Donald Esq
Boston

Sir

I am in receipt of y^r of the 27th inst and
note contents. I have written Capt Tenchell
to send you more B.R. Enclosed find return
of our disbursements as follows

certificates dated Sept 29th from Rogers for \$345.00
" " " 29th " J. South " 928.25
" " " 29th " J. Watson " 2032.43
Expenses No 389 from J. M. Watson for 13 Bales
" 390 " J. South " 16 "
" 391 " J. Rogers " 7 "

Very Respy
W. G. Wells
Capt & Agent

In a memorandum of the
 Treasurer Sept 21, 1869

✓
 on receipt
 of

I am in receipt of your of the 29th inst and
 contents. I will ship to Smith as requested
 from this office as soon as possible.
 I have just received from Mr. Smith \$257. for
 26 weighing 12,209 pounds, and on receipt of
 dated Sept 29 for 12,209 lbs also weighing 870 pounds
 for 42 lbs weighing 20772 pounds
 and enclosed for Sept 14th. I enclose the receipt
 for 222 signs and interest to this office.

Very Respy
 yr obt serv
 G. G. Mills
 Captain

The great regulations will not affect the
 working of the Bureau our terms are preferable
 to the regulations.

G. G. W.

In a Director's office
Houston Sept 29, 1864

Wm. Wells Esq. Capt
Montgomery

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th inst enclosing
a list of Blakely's purchase of 1st Stoughton and
of 100 of 2d Williams' note contents.

Respectfully
Yr obt servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

In a Director's office
Houston Sept 29, 1864

Wm. Wells Esq. Capt
Montgomery

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst enclosing
a list of 100 Blakely's purchase of 1st Stoughton and
of 100 of 2d Williams' note contents.

Very respectfully
Yr obt servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermasters office 272
Houston Sept 30, 1864

Rich Edgington Esq
Barnwell

Enclosed find certified ap in 1st form for \$3.33, 42
and ~~ap in 1st~~ exemption no 388 for 92 Bls - Sign
the enclosed receipt for BTR and return it to this
office - Send back the defective rope
supplied you, and more will be furnished you
in its stead.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & a gm

Quartermasters office
Houston Sept 30, 1864

✓
Wm G Smith Esq
Washington

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst and note
contents. I have sent your exemption and certified ap to
L. Cannon. I will send you the bagging and rope to
Chappell & Co as soon as possible,

✓
Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
G. G. Wells
Capt & a gm

U.S. Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston October 1. 1864

Ad. C. S. Helm.

C. S. Comd. Cpt. - Panama.

Sir,

I had this pleasure yesterday enclosing you
R/R of R/R for the 'Shipping' for Tampico & copy of
letter of instruction to her Surgeon Mr. C. H.
Harrison, directing him to re-ship to you, on to
sell & remit proceeds to you if re-shipment was not
practicable from her port of arrival - also advising
the remittance to you from Mr. Perkins, Special
Ag't at Abasco of \$50,000. Exchange &
Greenbacks.

I am since in receipt of your valued
favor of 26th Sept & am contented - As I men-
-tioned in my letter of yesterday the Regulations
approved at Richmond Aug 3rd, would have
the effect to render my proposed regulation
inoperative, and I think it would be very
impolitic to attempt to put it in force and
fail.

I have not much hope of
sending you anything by the 'Denbigh', although
I will try my utmost to prevail upon her
captain to take at least 50 Bales - The
'Helene' 1200 Bales & the 'Susana' 300 Bales
will be ready to leave this noon - all the
cargo on vessels account - The 'Denbigh'
I will hardly be able to load in time to
enable her to take advantage of this noon.

There may be an opportunity to send you 300 Bales by a new Str. The old 'D. Thane' renamed the 'The Davis'. a passenger Str flying between Matamoros & San Antonio has just been captured & brought in by the sailing fellows, who took passage on her at Boca del Rio. She will probably soon be put on for freight, and as she has no claims of any kind on the Govt. I will use half her freight room under the land. The schooner I will continue to load as opportunity offers.

The 'Lelia' of Boca has not yet sailed, but will probably leave this week.

One great difficulty in the way of the rapid acquisition of Cotton in this State is the want of Bagging & Rope. As the Planters will make no effort to procure it, we have to do it for them, & to offer them such inducements as will satisfy them, we sell them Bagging & Rope for the whole crop at cost & then buy the crop from them. The opportunities for exportation overland makes it desirable to them to retain one half their Cotton for export themselves. Thus we have to supply 1/2 yds Bagging & 1/2 lbs of the Rope for each Bale Cotton we get, & we have found it absolutely impossible to supply the demand for Baling material. You will aid us materially if you will purchase & send us Bagging & Rope by

every opportunity. The Str: arriving here bring only Baggt & Rope enough to Bale 300 to 500 Bales Cotton - of which the Goat share will be only 100 to 250 Bales. & yet this entire cargo alone exceeds what their Baggt & Rope will cover 100 to 200 per cent. We get much larger supplies overland but the expense & rains causes it to arrive here generally in a damaged condition.

In making purchases please bear in mind that the India Bagging & Manila Rope is most desirable. Hemp rope should not be purchased on any terms. If it is perfectly dry & sound it will do, but in any event even the Best Rope is preferable to Hemp. Dundee Bagging is too light & too easily damaged. Jute is not of absolute necessity, but a Bale or two with each shipment would be desirable.

Since I last wrote you 1030000 lbs of Cotton has been sent to Mr. Perkins, of which some portions will be sent you for investment. Mr. Perkins has already made large & desirable purchases, which will in a great measure abridge the necessity for purchasing here from Black & Co. numbers. For anti is entrusted the Trans-Miss Dept will depend mainly upon your efforts. I trust we shall soon be independent of

all outside means of supply obtain all we need through yourself & the other gentlemen who are abroad for that purpose - Until we can do so there is no hope of reducing our Cuban indebtedness. We must be under the painful necessity of seeing it given away for comparatively nothing.

Your letter shall be laid before all Board members this morning.

I have the honor to be Dear

Very respectfully

Yr. obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt. Kagm.

Actg. Secy.

Cuban Bureau Dept. State Wash

Havana Oct 1. 1894

Maj. J. C. Stafford G.M.

Havana

Maj.

I have not been able to see Mr. Smedley to get the weight of the 3 coils, Hamill's Rifle - & you did not let me know it as you promised - Please do so by return mail -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Capt. Kagm.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Hampden Sept 30. 1864

J. S. Cooke Esq Cpt
Hampden

Sir -

I have your favor of 24th but more
contents - The Bagging & Rope shall
be sent to Mr Springfield - I am mortified
at the slow acquisition of Baling material,
but it cannot be helped. It does not
arrive here fast enough to supply the de-
mand, & although Col Hutchins buys all
that comes we are very short of supplying
all the agencies.

Mr Brownings detail is all right -
I do not think it will be necessary to open an
office at Chaffall Hill, but I would be
glad to have you send Mr Browning or some
other person to points on the RR (not inspected)
so as to continue shipments of Cotton - I
have had none from Hampden since the
Yellow Fever was announced there - Is
the Station Agent at his post? - He may
be willing to receive forwarded Cotton
for you -

Very truly

(C. G. Wells)

Capt Ragn

There is not much news here -

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans 278
Havana, Oct 1. 1864

Capt. W. H. Lang
Hartlin

Capt.

I have your favor of 29th & 30th in
Sept & now enclose Cert age & Exemption
W. H. Lang 14 R/L. \$430.00
Mrs. E. Woodlawn 20 " 398.30
& Cert age, J. R. Soulinson 566.46.

The Exemption for latter has been sent to
Capt Mitchell at San Antonio. as requested

Very respectfully

Yr. obedt. servt

C. E. Yell

Capt. R.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans Miss
Havana, Sept 30. 1864

Capt J. C. Mitchell

San Antonio -

Capt -

I send you by request, to be
handed to the party - Exemption #
394 - James K. Soulinson. 15 R/L -

Very respectfully

Yr. obedt. servt

C. E. Yell

Capt. R.

Recd. from Capt. Walker
13th, 1864

A. J. Faller Esq. Capt.
Anderson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th, enclosing
a check for Capt. Walker's and wife's
information your money is at their
disposal and your statement is correct
and there is no need of sending you a return

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

L. J. Faller

Capt. Walker

Recd. from Capt. Walker
13th, 1864

Capt. J. T. Finkell
San Antonio

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th
enclosing A. J. Walker's receipt for the amount
and the one for the 13th. I will as requested
say your letter before Capt. Walker for his
information

Very respectfully

Your obt. Servt.

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 2, 1864

Mr. Childers Reg

Texas. Care Maj. G. White

Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th ult. and note contents. I have no authority to grant you exemption, and power to report a quantity of cotton equal to that you cannot do so.

This office was authorized to make an estimate of time, and can grant exemption, only where it has purchased an equal quantity. It is a discretionary matter. All propositions for exemption will be forwarded to the proper authorities. Address to Capt. E. K. Smith for the same.

Very truly
Yours at Service
W. H. Wells
Capt & Agent

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 2, 1864

J. A. Brof' Esq. Capt
Victoria

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th ult and note contents. Maj. Bodell of Clinton is charged with the control of the section of country which your district lies, and I respectfully ask you to give for any future instructions you may need. The baggage and rope harnesses to Capt Harris' office is charged to you, and I request that you will promptly send a receipt for it.

Very respectfully
your obt. Servt
C. G. Wells

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 2, 1864

P. Vogel Esq.
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th ult and note contents. Enclosed find exemption in your favor for 15 cattle ration, 24 1864, and assigned to you per 22 dated Sept 30th 1864

Very respectfully
your obt. Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & a gun

Quartermaster's office
Huntsville Oct 21 1864

W. B. Bailey Esq Capt
Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 20th
and make comments. Enclosed find certificate for
5th Regt returned corrected, being now for the
sum of \$2041.25. In J. L. Cleaveland's case you
can as Mr. C. requests cancel the purchase from
him and purchase anew from order paragraph 1.

Enclosed find list of 2000

as follows—

Wagon No 398 from J. M. Aliphant for 2 Bales Cotton

" " 397 " Sarah Magary " 2 " "

Wagon of 4000 lbs " " " 197

" " " 30 " J. M. Aliphant " 197

you will please deliver. If you will send me down
the descriptive list of the negro drivers, I will have
them regularly detailed and their owners credited
on their quotas, or you can do it through the enrolling
officer, perhaps the latter is the best course. Mr
Bailey has 41 the 45 bales you refer to.

I will be glad to hear from Mr
Walker in regard to the 42 Bales—

In regard to the 2 Bales Cotton
lost in shipping at G. P. Patterson's, I sent you some
ago a voucher for it. You will please send me
one the voucher signed and returned here

Very respectfully
Yours &c
C. G. Miller

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Grace Miss
 Houston Oct 1. 1864.
 Ben. Stones Esq. Apt -
 Breckhane

Sir -

I have your favor of 30th Sept with
 enclosures - The Cotton you have taken
 for your own account overpays you \$19^{ts} -
 which I place at your debit vs next account -

I now enclose you a list Sales & Exemption
 B. Stones - 122 - \$ B. Cotton - \$ 625.43 -

Sign the voucher & return it to me -

I enclose also, at Mr Frances request -
 Cert of Exemption

A. Frances. 15 B/C - \$ 622.09 -

The Baggy Rope from Baker & Ewing
 is all right, I suppose - The papers
 I want are -

Your Receipt for the Baggy Rope -

Baker & Ewing's Bill of

Your Statement of the Cotton paid
 to them, showing usual particulars,

Very respectfully

Yours truly

W. C. Wells

deputy agent

C. C. C.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 2, 1864

✓
Maj Lb Rountree
Huntsville

Major

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th ult
and note contents. I think with you the course
you pursued better than resorting to imprisonment.

✓
Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 2, 1864

✓
L. S. Mooring Esq agt
Francis Plains

Sir

I am in receipt of your two letters of the
20th ult and note contents. I will as requested apply
for the order of imprisonment. The regulations
of the President will not be strictly effect the operation
of the Bureau. You state you send certificate from
the Brigadier, but fail to do so. I will send by the nearest
train the amount you for freight to J. S. Vedder
as requested. Enclosed find certified account which
you will please sign and return to this office.
Sign both where your name appears in pencil

Very Respy
Yr obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Agr., Miss.
 Hanston Oct 3. 1864.

M. J. A. H. Willie
 San Antonio.

Major -

I am in receipt of your favor
 of 27th ult. & note contents -
 I now enclose the Hanuckian Exemptions.

By -

Oct. 28th 1864 - C. C. Wells 100 Bales

125 Hanuckian Bales - Hanston 12

If you will send me the certificates of the local
 agents in my district upon which you have
 issued exemptions I will return you exemptions
 for each provided I have not already issued
 them. Some of the agents in the Western
 Counties had a very unsafe practice of issuing
 duplicates, but as soon as I discovered it I
 refused to issue exemptions unless both original
 & duplicate certificates were surrendered -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Capt. Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trade & Cons.
 Houston. Oct 3. 1864

J. B. Vedder Esq. Cyl
 Kansas.

Sir -

I have your favor of 1st inst. and have written Mr. Comenille in relation to you about the 12th Feb India Bagging - It was sent you Sept 21 - and is to be applied generally on any orders the Agents may make on you -

You can make up your acct for service as usual - Stating no of Bales, & the charges on them - Repairs if any have been made by yourself - Select enough Cotton to pay yourself at new schedule prices - 3% in advance on old - & send me a statement showing Bales pounds classification & from what lot taken - I will make up the voucher & send you, together with your exemption -

By request of Mr. H. B. Mooring I send you to day by Dr. Ing. a package of specie \$256.²³ to pay Mooring for some freight Bales we owe him - He will probably tell you how to send it to him - He will send me the voucher himself -

Very respectfully

Wm. C. Wells
 Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Agent
 Austin, Tex. 3. 1864
 Messrs. W. & S. Moore
 Orange
 Ga.

I have your favor of 20th Sept. & note
 contents - I have 96 bales of cotton
 Capt Lee by Saturdays Train -

Since I have known you the Maria
 1000 Bales - "Henry's" 1000 Bales & "Gordon"
 400 Bales are all in a pile here, and
 clamoring for a loading - I will do my
 best to load them & make as much use
 upon you even extra expense for a
 large part of the Cotton they require -

I enclose J. H. Wom's order to
 Capt Schneider for the Bagging there
 he has there - Send me your receipt
 for the quantity so I may
 settle with him here -

Very respectfully

Yours as
 C. G. Bell
 Captain

I sent you this morning 3 Bales Bagging
 & will send more - Mr Souvenelle
 does not have sight of you -

Cotton Bureau
Havre de Grace, Md.

W. Gray Esq. Esq.
West Liberty

Sir -

I have your statement of the 16th of
Sept. 1862. Oct 1. and would be glad to have you send me the
same information by every opportunity -

If possible please ascertain from the
Gleaners who the Cotton was purchased
from as this information will be of use to
keep the matter straight -

For instance

Date of receipt - from what place - from what firm - by what wagons -

The N. O. R. R. does not send an extra train
as promised as there seems to be no necessity
for it. but they send a passenger train
I will leave you as many as you require -

Please load these cars whenever left so
as to send me the Cotton with as much
dispatch as possible

Very truly

Yours

G. G. Wells
Capt.

Cotton Bureau Kept from Miss
Houston Oct 3. 1864.

W. H. Good Esq
Liberty

Sir,

I have your favor of 30th Sept concerning
Statement of Mr R.C. - Two Bales fell off
the car but I have 100 Bales -
As this shipment reduces your stock on hand
& you have 3 cars still undrained, the R.R.
Co does not send an extra train as promised
but takes our same plan to leave with
you - Please turn out all your Cotton
so as to ship it by the cars they will
leave you this week - Mr Stockwell
writes that all our Cotton shall come & says
it will not be his fault if it does not -
In addition to the Cotton reported, there is a
car with 25 B.C. from Liberty, but as I
have no account of it it is not waybilled
to me, the R.R. will not give it up -
I suppose it is a car loaded by you after
you had written to me - If so please
straighten it with Stockwell so that I
may be able to get it -

I remain very
Sincerely

Yours
C. G. Wells
Capt. R.

Eastern Bureau Dept of War
 Havana. Jan 3. 1864

A. H. Stanton Esq Cpt
 Calhoun,

Sir.

I have your favor of 29th Sept. with
 enclosures -

I now enclose for get receipts.

A. H. Stanton	402 - 4 R, E -	\$ 155.64
John W. Williams	403 - 10 "	69.01
John Thomas	403 - 5 "	281.40
H. R. Pollard	404 - 3 "	173.19
John H. Moore	405 - 8 "	405.70
William A. New	399 - 30 "	1511.35
E. A. Williams	401 - 8 "	446.12

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Wells
 Co. G. 1st Regt
 Cal. V.

Cotton Bureau, Dept^y Home Affairs
 Waikanae Oct 3. 1854

Dear Gardner

Yours of 2nd is at hand & I
 regret that it is out of my power to help
 you to get any material for clothing - The
 best way will be to get an order from the
 H. O. on the Clothing Bureau - that will
 bring you all you want.

The truth is we are like the Saxons
 farmers - they have acres of cows & never
 a drop of milk - We buy pretty much
 all the army uses but never get anything
 ourselves - The lower branch of
 the Bureau is nothing but Cotton - Col.
 Hutchins is in the Supply branch, but
 from a recent experience I know it is of
 no use trying to get anything out of this
 branch - I am an order from Capt
 May - in Waikanae.

Yours truly
 A. G. Wells

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 3, 1864

Mr. H. S. Slaughter Esq &
Savannah

Sir,

In receipt of yours of the 1st inst and
make comments, I forwarded you the exemption for
your father on the 30th ult. You can forward
the order to San Antonio as soon as it may suit
you please accompanied with the exemption, and
Major Miller our agent there will divide the exemption
on issuing his permit to report as you may elect.

Very respectfully

Geoff. Scott

C. G. Wells

Capt & Co.

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1867
 1867

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The first of the points of view is that
 the world is a machine. It is a machine
 of a kind which is not to be compared
 with any other machine. It is a machine
 which is not to be compared with any
 other machine. It is a machine which
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 to be compared with any other machine.

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 3. 1000
 4. 1000
 5. 1000
 6. 1000
 7. 1000
 8. 1000
 9. 1000
 10. 1000

By Mrs. L. L. L.

Wm. H. H. H. H.

My Dear Friend
The book which I have been
the last of the series of the
life as seen in the
these are the days of the

Wm. Miller 3rd 1884

Wm. Miller
Richmond

I have this day
shipped you two Dale & Sons' Bagging
measuring 750 lbs. with frames kept as soon
as it comes to hand. Please acknowledge receipt of
same.
Very Respectfully
W. B. Miller Esq.

Wm. Miller 3rd 1884
Dime Cotton Office

Mr. P. P. Smith
Chicago Ill.

I forward you on to day's train
one Dale & Sons' Bagging 360 lbs.
with frames kept as soon as it comes to hand
One will please acknowledge receipt to this office
Very Respectfully
W. B. Miller Esq.
Richmond

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 3. 1864
General

I have the honor to call your attention to a matter of some importance to the authorities in this District.

I have been informed that the several Rail road Charters have been so modified as to exclude from them all articles purchased by this Bureau, whether Ordnance, Medical or Commissary Supplies.

The Cotton used to pay for them - This amendment, I respectfully suggest, could have been approved by you only because this Office had not opportunity to represent our side of the case to you.

You are already aware that this Bureau is the chief source of supplies except Commissary Stores - It operates only for the Government, and its aim is to furnish the Supplies at the cheapest possible rate. By shutting us out from the use of the Railroads, except as we pay freight for the use, the cost of the articles is largely increased, and our capacity to procure supplies greatly diminished in consequence of the necessary expenditure of part of our resources in the payment of freights - If we compel parties who

send to us to deliver the goods here, they will demand increased prices, & from the force of our necessities, obtain what they ask - If we receive the goods at Galveston, or at other ports, & must pay freight to transport them to points for distribution, the expenditure of money materially diminishes our resources.

You are probably aware that the Roads demand Specie freight, or its equivalent.

How long we can pay Specie freight cannot be an unimportant question when the limited location resources of the State are considered. It would be better to increase the charges on the roads & apply all the Cotton & Specie resources to the procurement of Supplies.

Gov. Combs, you do not look at this point as I do. I respectfully ask that you issue an order that will cover the payment of freight by myself or other officers of this Bureau.

The charges are matter of record at the U. S. Dept. & our vouchers for such expenditures will hardly pass to our credit. To secure me from future liability is not this protection necessary?

In the present construction this Bureau is placed outside of the pale of Government, & if the Rail roads are right this Bureau is not considered at all which is not good as a Department of the Government -

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Very respectfully,
Yours very truly,
C. C. Wells
Comdg Dist Exr

✓
Wm. J. D. Walker

Capt & Acty, etc

Cotton Bureau, Dep't. Trans, Miss.
Houston Oct 3. 1864.

Henry Hamwell Jones
Millican

Sir

I have your favor of this date - & its contents.

I accept your proposition to do the business of this Office at Millican - say \$100 per 100 lbs for draining, forwarding, Storage & packing out the Bagging & Rope.

If it should become necessary to create a Cotton Depot at Millican I will take pleasure in endeavoring to obtain Mr. Chas. Hamwell services for that purpose.

Very respectfully

Wm. G. Webb
Capt &c

Eastern Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Hawston, Oct 4. 1864

W. C. Kearse Esq
Wheelock.

Sir,

I have your favor of 30th ult. to Col Hutchins, concerning receipt for 27 A/C from R. J. Davis. I now send you Certified account for same, amtg to 1020⁰⁰ payable in new currency. As this office has no new currency yet, I cannot pay the money - but if Mr Davis will take old currency I can add 50 per cent so as to make it equal to the new. If he wishes it settled this way let him sign the receipts in duplicate, send it down for payment. I enclose also duplicate receipts for the Baggy & Rope, for Mr Davis to sign - Please return them to me.

You can call upon Mr. J. H. Cunningham, Agent, at Port Sullivan, for the Bagging & Rope you require to finish up your old business for Col. Hutchins. Please send me a memorandum for all you get from him so that I may get proper receipts for it hereafter -

Very respy
Yr obt serv
C. G. Wells

Capt R

Col Hutchins will prepare the Dodge papers & send them to you -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
Houston. Oct 4. 1864.

W. J. Fletcher Esq
Millican.

Sir - I have your favor of 2nd inst
addressed to Col. Broadwell.

I cannot place you on any other ground nor
accede to any terms not open to every Cotton
holder - I would be glad to buy half your
Cotton, here or on the line of the Railroad, pay
you in new currency, at Schedule prices, &
give you an exemption for the other half, an-
-thorizing its exportation - I cannot make
any arrangement by which the division of the
Cotton is postponed until its arrival on the
Rio Grande - nor can I pay specie when
only the half is sold to Govt - If you
will sell to Govt the whole lot, I will
pay you schedule prices, half in new currency,
and half in a draft on H. H. Perkins,
C. S. Commr. Apt in Matamoros.

If the use of your transportation is desirable
I will, if the sale is completed on above terms,
engage it to haul the Cotton to the Rio Grande,
at established Govt rates - To present there
are 75¢ for the 100 miles for ox teams & 25¢
for mule teams.

Very respectfully,
W. J. Wells

Capt. & Agt.
Acty Clk

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Oct 4. 1864.

Maj Geo. W. Walker
 Mass.

Sir,

✓
 I have your favor of 30th Sep & make your
 wish to get information of Maj' Boone & your
 requisition for 20 negroes - The Majors
 & the whole Labor Bureau are absent, & I do
 not think will be found here while the General
 lasts - I do not know where Maj' Boone
 is located -

I think your best plan is to select the negroes
 you want with the consent of their owners -
 Then hand in a list of them to the Enrolling
 Officer of the County you take them from
 certifying to him that they are in Govt
 employ - This course will secure you
 the negroes & will give the owners credit
 on the 95th conscription - You can
 hardly depend on getting negroes through
 the regular channels of the Labor Bureau
 under six months,

Very respy

Yours etc

La G. Wells

Capt & agno

Adj. Ch.

Cotton Bureau Capt James Hiss
Hannston, Oct 14. 1864

Lieut J. W. Hardie
Savannah

Sir,

I have your favor of 23rd Sept & note your request for a Letter Copying Book. There is no such thing to be had here in the Stores. Capt. Davis who has charge of the Dep't Depot here has turned over to me some Copying Books for the use of the Cotton Bureau, and I will send Capt. Black 1/2 doz by first opportunity. If Capt Black can sell you one it will be the only way to procure it. He may have the power to do so. all these Books have been purchased as G. H. Stores by Genl. Hatcher, & in lots as imported. No one keeps them here for retail. I should think you might buy one just as an officer purchase clothing

Very respectfully

Robert S. H.
Co. G. 11th
Sept

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. No. 391
Houston, Oct 4. 1864.

Capt. W. H. Lang,
Warren.

Capt -

I have at last received your
detail from Dept. Hd. Qrs. I would send
it in this but for the fact that you
wrote me you would be here - If
this reaches you in time it may save you
a journey. If you can write me to send
it to you.

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. No. 391
Houston Oct 4. 1864

John H. Baker Esq
Care Baker & Co.,
Brenham.

Sir - I enclose you renewal of
detail, for 60 days from 3rd inst. - expires
Dec 2nd 1864 - Please report to Mr
Ben Stokes Esq. for orders -

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Sancton Oct 5, 1864

Mr G. Harrison Esq

Dear Sir

I received the claim re.
 Apponds but needed rest. for which please accept
 my thanks. I am sorry you are so unfortunate as to lose
 your hat while engaged in my behalf and willingly consider
 myself in debt to you for another. I wanted at once
 send you at that by the train but do not know what
 day you will be. Purchase a hat in Mexico and I will
 send one bill. or when your correspondence will
 get time to pick out a hat for you and I will
 send. Would you at present be able to make a small
 profit? What prospects would there be in your going
 in obtaining a patent and all that. I should like to see
 an advance of say 25 or 30 in the price of the hat.

Very respectfully

L. J. Harrison

Quartermaster Office
Houston Oct 1. 1864

L. A. Smith. Esq. 27!
Brooklyn

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I am in receipt of some of the pt. not reaching
andly & monthly report and will continue

The name of your informant
in the translation of calling of his office
will be presented in going to and return from
the point of our interest. The only party to
express to a - in 2nd party and 1st party
are at this place and I have a - understanding
with him that he is engaged to the Bureau
shall not be disturbed while engaged.

You will still continue to
ship to Norasota Gulf. I will demand for either
one or payment for supplies in kind through
Garrison, say I can supply. I feel we are
embarrassed for want of action with which to
pay for supplies in kind.

Dear Josephine
 I have all your letters

21/4/20

Inspection Office
Hugoton Oct 4, 1864

Mr. R. White Esq
Anderson

Wm

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd inst enclosing
weights and classification of 3 Bb. ap. - B. Shelton &
C Bb ap. to M. A. G. in. Parties who have sold to
the Govt. will of course be held to their contract. The
delay in furnishing BTR is not our fault, but is owing
to the impossibility of obtaining it. I assure you in
such cases as these it is no small undertaking to
engage such articles for the whole Trans. Mts. Sept.

I can not yet tell definitely what
will be the effect of the next regulations, but
do not think they will seriously affect our operations.
The terms of this office are better to the growers of
cotton than the regulations, and whatever comes
up to the time you are notified to cease purchasing
will be protected. You will until advised further
continue your operations the same as if no such
regulations as that of the President existed. The
regulations will not be operative until they are
officially published.

Respectfully
Yours
Wm. G. Wells
Capt & Agent

Quartermaster's office ✓
Haverton Oct 5th 1864

Col. J. R. Robinson
Haverton

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst and note contents. Do not issue any duplicate certificates - it is as much as needed so to make the number of true set of certificates without having any duplicates in sight.

I will supply you with B & R as often and in such quantities as is practicable. No small undertaking to agree to supply in such times as this for the whole of the year with bulky articles as B & R.

Quartermaster's office ✓
Haverton Oct 5th 1864

Thos. G. Quartermaster
Haverton

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst and make contents. I have no authority to issue the certificate to Mr. Bennett or any other party unless in compliance with the terms of this office. The Bureau was instituted to acquire cotton on certain terms, and with which you are acquainted and can acquire on no other. It has no exception. All proposals not in conformity to the terms of this office must be submitted to Genl. Keith Smith. I have no doubt it would be a high and just to grant Mr. Bennett the certificate he requests, but I cannot powerfully do so.

Very Respectfully
Wm. A. Smith

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
Havana, Oct 4. 1874.

Major A. S. Cabell, G.M.
Canton.

Major.

On 26th Sept. last Mr. S. H. Miller,
Capt. at Crockett, turned over to Edw. Mickey
in payment of Bagging & Rope, 12 Bales Cotton
loss pounds, as unexempt Cotton - Please
note that this lot of Cotton is not exempt, and
when Mr. Mickey applies for a permit see that
he turns over to Govt 1/2 the lot -

Major Rountree, District Officer, informs
me that Edw. Mickey is traveling on bogus
papers, and should be looked after -
Please see what is necessary to be done in
the case - People have the impression that he
is protected by the Cotton Bureau - It is
only proper that we should relieve ourselves
of such an incubus - I know not true
about him -

I wrote a similar letter to Major
Miller, at San Antonio.

Sincerely

Wm. C. Miller

Capt.

Cotton Bureau, Wash D.C.
 Houston Oct 4. 1864

Maj. A. M. Willie
 San Antonio.

Sir -

On 26th Sept last Mr S. M. Allen, Cpt at Crockett, returned to Edin. Mickey, an agent of the Cotton & Rape, 12 Bales Cotton 6002 pounds, as an exempt Cotton. - Please note that this lot of Cotton is not exempt; when Mr Mickey applies for a permit, see that he turns over to Govt $\frac{1}{2}$ the lot -

Major Rountree District Officer, informs me that Edin Mickey is traveling on bogus papers, and should be looked after - Please see what is necessary to be done in the case - People have the impression that he is protected by the Cotton Bureau - It is only proper that we should relieve ourselves of such an incubus - I know nothing about him.

I write a similar letter to Major Cabell at Clinton.

Very respectfully

Yr obt servt

C. C. Will

Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trainees Miss
 "Clinton" Oct 4. 1864

C. N. Miller Esq. of -
 Crockett,

Sir,

I have your favor of 1st inst. which make contents
 I now enclose the papers for E. Hickney to sign
 so as to close the Bagging & Rope purchase &
 the sale of Cotton to him - They must
 be signed E. Hickney - No signature by
 attorney will answer -

I trust you did not give him an
 exemption of any kind for the Cotton -
 On looking again at your Telegram today I
 notice that you did name six cents as the
 price of the Cotton, so the sale at that
 price is my fault & not yours; but when
 I replied to your Telegram I did not
 understand that you were to use the Cotton
 at anything less than Schedule prices -

I write to San Antonio & to Clinton today
 to say that the 12 Bales are not exempt, &
 that save the Govt the loss that would other-
 wise accrue -

Understand me to say
 you are not to blame at all, as I should
 have noticed the price you named. 6 cts.

Please have the papers signed & returned
 to me -

Very respect

C. E. Webb
 Capt. &c

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.
 Haverhill, Oct 4. 1864
 S. A. Miller Esq. Apt
 Crockett.
 Sir,

In accordance with your repeated requests you are hereby relieved from duty as Apt of this Bureau.

At the recommendation of Major Remondree, District Officer, Mr John Miller has been appointed to succeed you. You will please turn over to him by endorsement your appointments & the accompanying instructions. The enclosed letters sent you, in order that he may be fully informed.

Mr. G. A. Alford of Trinity, has been appointed Agent for Trinity County.

You will please turn over to Mr. Miller the Cotton & Digging & Rope in your hands & send his Receipt to this Office. Please also send a statement of your account showing expenses incurred by you - No. of Bales of Cotton received & shipped. &c. &c. I will send you the vouchers for your payment.

Thanking you for what you have done to aid the Office, I remain,

Very respectfully
 Co. G. Wells
 Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Haverlow, Oct. 4. 1864
 John Hillan Esq /
 Consett,

Sir,

Upon the recommendation of Major
 G. C. Rountree District Officer you are
 hereby appointed, Agent of this Bureau
 for Haverlow County.

Mr S. A. Miller late Agt. has been
 instructed to turn over to you the circular
 letter of appointments & accompanying in-
 structions as well as other circulars sent
 at different times, in order that you may
 be fully informed of your duties.

Please apply to him for them.

Receipt to Mr. Miller for all Cotton
 Bags & Ropes he has on hand - & consider
 yourself accountable for it.

I trust you will be able to produce
 good results from your agency. Very
 little Cotton has been acquired by Govt in
 your County up to this time. Any
 special instructions you may consider neces-
 sary will be given you on your appli-
 cation.

Very respectfully
 C. G. Wells

Capt Ragn

Acty. Ch.

2. *... ..*
 3. *... ..*

The 1st March 1897
Singapore

I am in receipt of your of 11th inst and
in reply. Enclosed find you \$100.00. I will
pay you \$100.00 but will not credit a account down
with interest for \$100.00. I am not sure Mr. Williams
any thing more or less has been received. I am
sure however either pay him the amount or give him
a receipt and add on the receipt some words
it would be to him or show him the receipt. I am
certified to pay the amount in full and as it
is deposited in funds.

In Mr. Saunders case let him
 take what he pleases - he has no right to the Bishop's
 property - but let him have what he wants -

The regulations for the day to be observed by
all, of the congregation, are as follows: - The first
rule, which is the first of the regulations, is offered to the
congregation, and all the regulations, which are to be
observed, are as follows: -

I will supply you with 100 as
often as you wish. It is possible
to do so.

The original
 of the
 U. S. 1863
 copyright

San Francisco office
 Harrison Oct 5. 1864

Mr. [unclear] (yours)

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th and note
 contents. We can not decide in that direction. We
 can only acquiesce in the action of
 the Bureau, and can make exception in favor of no
 party.

But, Chinat is dead. You will take the
 matter to office, and then obtain his written refusal.
 We will say more for future action. This office will
 be responsible to you for your part in the matter.

I will ship your BTR as soon
 as it is practicable, it is impossible to say positively
 when.

Respectfully
 your obt servant
 L. C. Mills
 Capt & Surgeon

Quartermaster's office
 Houston Dec 5, 1864

✓
 Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and
 contents.

✓
 As private property, increased to 9000
 lbs. of cotton and it can not be supplied.

The 1st regulations have not
 yet been officially published, and of course are
 inoperative until such is the case. I can not say
 definitely what effect will be, but they will not
 affect the obtaining by the government the usual half
 of all cotton. The terms of the Bureau are preferable
 to the vendors of cotton than the regulations.

You will continue until advised
 in your case the same as if no such regulations
 existed, but all efforts will be viewed and protected
 on your side as before the same as before.

I will send in a few days a
 large supply as possible to Major Maxwell who is
 for distribution.

Very Respectfully
 Your obt Servt
 H. G. Wells
 Capt & Co

Quartermaster Office
August 25, 1864

W. S. Bailey Esq
Haverhill

I am in receipt of your two letters of the 12th inst
and have answered. Enclosed find receipt for my part of
the balance for your subscription and a receipt for the same.
I am, Sir, your obedient servant

Very respectfully
Yours &c
H. C. Wells
Sept 20 1861

Insurance office
 7000 1st Ave. S.E.

John H. Mills Esq
Hudson

104

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst and note contents. A supply of Tagging & Data will be a few days to sent by Mr. Bassett & Co. at Worcester who will distribute, and supply the demands of all parties as near as practicable.

Very respectfully
yours obt. Servant
W. C. Wells
Capt & a Co

Quartermaster's Office
Hanson Oct 5, 1864

J. A. Macalister
Cavalry

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst and
note contents. Enclosed find stamp for favor of
J. A. Macalister for 2 lbs. and certify of date Sept 30th
for 1864.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
Capt & a gnr

Quartermaster's Office
Hanson Oct 5, 1864

Mr. W. McChau Sep
Care of J. Sangster

Hanson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst and
note contents. I have no authority to grant you the
stamp you request. You can of course sell your
cotton to whom you please, and at the best price you
can get for it. I have only jurisdiction over cotton
in the hands of the party I find it.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
G. L. Miles
Capt & a gnr

Quartermaster's office
 Canton Jan 5. 1864

Mr. M. Thatcher Esq
 Eagle Lake
 N. H.

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst -
 inclosed finds exemption in your favor No 411 for
 a Blue button, and ~~certified~~ dated 28th ulto
 for \$4.00

Very Respectfully
 Wm. H. Smith
 Co. Q. Wells
 Capt & Agt

Eastern American Dept. Texas, Mex.
 Houston. Oct 5. 1854

Major A. S. Cabell,
 Austin

Major -

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
 of your favor of 27th & 28th Sept, and make
 acknowledgments -

I will obtain the detail for A.P. Jones
 as ordered. These details are made to me
 & hence a transfer to you is necessary. To
 prevent this necessity, I suggest that hereafter
 you make the applications for details direct
 to Maj. A. C. Thomas, Adj Gen. U.S. Army, Fort
 at Houston.

As the entire Mexican district is not under
 my control, but Capt. Smithells, would
 it not be well to apply to him for the specie
 funds necessary to carry on your operations.
 I think he will not hesitate to supply them,
 as he is aware that the Confed. currency will
 not answer the purpose. I have now
 none to spare, as the Cotton freight being all
 payable in coin, absorbs all I can raise
 from any source.

Very respectfully

Yours truly
 C. S. Smithells
 Capt.

Coahuila Bureau Dept Texas Affairs
Huntsville, Oct 5. 1864

Maj. E. C. Rountree
Huntsville.

Sir,

I have your favor of 28th Sept from Coahuila
& Bth from Huntsville, in due contents.

Mr John Miller has been appointed Agent for
Huntsville County. & Mr E. S. Alford for Trinity
County. both on your recommendation.

Dr. S. H. Allen, & Mr J. P. Collins did very little
while they were acting. I trust the change will
prove advantageous to the Govt.

I have written to San Antonio & to
Austin in regard to Edw. Mickey, & he
will be looked after this case attended
to.

Sagging & Rife is a great hoghead -
Cal Williams buys all that he can find
everywhere, & brokers are now in Hata-
conces for it in quantities. The quantity
required is so very great, that the supplies
are acquiring go a very little way towards
filling the demand.

Very respectfully

Wm. L. Rife
Co. E. 28th
Sept 1864

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
 Houston, Oct 5. 1864
 Messrs Moore & Swaken,
 Orange,
 Texas.

I have your favor of 3rd inst. - As
 you have recd. the Bagging & Rafe from
 Mr. House. I do not send the order -

Please send some hands up to Willett
 Bluff to tie up five Bales cotton now
 in possession of Capt. Permonone, A.A.G.M.
 so that it can be brought to Orange and
 repacked.

Your letter to Capt. Black has gone
 forward. The Stationery you
 want also goes by this mail.

I trust to be able to ship you the
 Sacks & Mats in a few days - At least
 so Capt. Taylor promises me -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
 C. G. Wells

Capt. R.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss ✓
Havens Oct 5. 1854

Capt. W. H. Wood.
Beaumont

Capt -

I have your favours of 2nd & 3rd inst
more contents ✓

I am sorry the Knigake Cotton cannot
be got ready - I trust you will not let
your efforts flag until it is done -

There is no chance to send negroes from
here - If you will stir up the Conscription
officer after the Masters I think they will
prefer to let you have the negroes rather
than have them sent a hundred miles
away -

As I bought the Willis Cotton
only because you agreed to take
charge of its removal, your inability
to attend to it will cause the Govt
serious loss & me some concern -
I trust you will find some proper
person to take it in charge, so that
you will be able to superintend it
yourself -

Very respy
J. Abbott
C. G. Wells
Capt

*List of officers and detailed men on duty Oct-
1st 1864 in Cotton Bureau. Houston*

*Capt. Ash Walter
Capt. G. S. Wells
H. R. Percy
Master Miller
A. Lawrenceville
G. H. Loman
W. L. Macatee
S. J. League
D. McRigor
J. M. Lawrence
R. M. Cabaniss*

*Supply Department
Cotton
Cotton Clerk - office
Clerk in Supply Department
Act dvr Cotton & Property Clerk
Clerk in Supply Department
Act dvr Cotton Clerk
Cotton Department
do do
do do
do do*

*I Certify that the above named persons are actually
employed as stated, and that they do not draw or
purchase rations at any other post.*

*G. S. Wells
Capt. V. J. M.
Acty. Clk*

*Capt. J. A. Scott, C.S.
Houston -*

Cathu Baneau Dep't. Trans Keys
Hawabow, Oct 5. 1874

Capt. W. D. Lee, AGND
Beaumont

Capt.

I have your favour of 1st & 3rd inst
made contact.

Only 95 Bala Cathu from you
yesterday.

I enclose the orders on Moore
& Smoker - say -

I send hands to Wibleto & Cluff to
the ap the 5th Cathu now in possession
of Lt. Baramore again -

So turn over to you the nine have
taken off the Cathu Bales.

In the latter I wish to take
your official receipt as a voucher.
As soon as I can get the number
of pounds to make up balance.

Very truly

Yours out

C. C. Kelly

Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Nauvoo Oct 5. 1864
Messrs Moore & Smoker
Orange -

Will send to
Willetts Bluff some hands to tie up
'18, Five Bales Cotton now in possession
of Hunt Baranore adme, & put it in such
order that it can be transported to
Orange or Nauvoo.

C. G. Wells

Capt & Ady. Cpl.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Nauvoo Oct 5. 1864
Messrs Moore & Smoker
Orange,

Will deliver to Capt
W. J. Lee, Adm, such of the iron bands
(taken off the La. Cotton) as cannot be used
in rebaling the Cotton - Capt Lee will
give his memorandum receipt for
Bands & pounds delivered, which
you will please send to me -

C. G. Wells

Capt & Ady Cpl.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 5. 1864
Capt H. B. Lee
Beaumont

Encl. - I have your favor of 2^d inst & note contents -

Mr Vedden had already written to me on the subject of loading Mr. C. Caldwell's teams, but as we had no Cotton in that neighborhood to spare for that purpose I wrote him to send the teams to Brazos County or to Texas for a load -

I am so pressed for Cotton at Houston that I have been forced to give orders that not a Bale of Cotton shall go on the line of the Central & Mexican Co. R. R. or any of it shall go to the Rio Grande -

If you can hear I am deviled for Cotton here you would appreciate the necessity for the order - As Mr Caldwell's teams will be loaded elsewhere I suppose it does not matter to him or you - though he did not bring in the goods as agreed -

Very respy
C. E. White
Capt

Central Bureau Dept Home Miss!
 Haverhill, Oct. 5. 1884 -
 John Halston Esq Esq
 Alleghen.

I have your favor of 3rd inst with
 enclosures.

I now Enclose Cert of Exemption,
 & Sallens 3 R/C - \$172.00
 & P. Rhodes (D. Drake) 20 " 1189.32
 do 20 " 844.89

Upon examination I find I have Baggs Rope
 Receipts from C. B. Goulkas recd.

1 for 300 yds Baggs - 505 lbs Rope
 " " 292 " " 378 "

One of these was taken here by Mr. Pincay to be
 done the had Receipts. I have no Receipt
 for the 164 yds & 165 lbs as reported.

You will have to pay the freight on the
 Rope sent to Haverhill - Take a voucher
 \$4.22 for it - Send the Rope here if
 you cannot use it yourself.

Secure me from trouble in the Arkville
 matter - do not give them the exemption
 unless they sign the vouchers.

As soon as the other vouchers are
 made up I will send them to you
 for Exemptions -

Very truly
 C. B. Kelly
 Esq
 Haverhill

Free Office
 Montreal Oct 5th 1854.

J. B. French Esq
 Montreal.

I send you on to day's Train
 1 Box India Bagging 120 pounds
 1 Box forward rope as soon as it comes to hand
 which we hope will be in a day or two.

Very Respectfully
 L. L. L. L. L.

Montreal Oct 5th 1854.

J. B. French Esq
 Montreal.

I ship you on to day's Train
 4 Box India Bagging 120 pounds
 1 Box Manila Rope 118 pounds
 Please acknowledge receipt to this office

Very Respectfully
 L. L. L. L. L.
 J. B. French

Texan Cotton Office
Huntsville Oct 5 1864

Mr Springfield
Huntsville

I ship you by to day's Train

1 Bale India Snapping

360

5 Bales do

180

510 lbs

will forward rope as soon as it comes to hand,

Very Respectfully

W. L. Wells & Co
Huntsville

Texan Cotton Office
Huntsville Dec 5 1864

Dr W. C. Johnston
Huntsville

I have shipped you on to day's

Train 6 Bales Manila Rope weighing 624 pounds

Please acknowledge receipt to this office

Very Respectfully

W. L. Wells & Co
Huntsville

Export Office
London Oct 8 1844

Mr. Alexander Esq
Glasgow

I send you on to day Transit
of 20 good
I have Indian Bagging
will forward hope as soon as it comes to hand.
Please acknowledge receipt of above shipment

Very Respectfully
Wm. Miller Esq

Export Office
London Oct 8 1844

Mr. A. C. Clark
Glasgow

Wentley.

I have this day shipped as viz
1 Bale Indian Bagging 360 lbs.
5 Rolls . . . 150
510 lbs

Please forward receipt. will send hope as soon
comes to the hand, which we hope will be in a day

Very Respectfully
Wm. Miller Esq

Very Warm Office
 October 2nd 1884

My dear Mr. [unclear]
 Dear Sir

I have shipped you out to
 days train I have shipped you out to
 will forward you some more as it comes to hand.
 If there are any standing orders from O.B. for you will
 please fill them if not distribute them as you may think
 it is properly wanted

Very Respectfully
 C. H. [unclear]
 [unclear]

With respects for all happy calls
 Your obedient

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Oct. 5. 1864.

John Holston Esq Jt
Alley too,

Sir.

I enclose in settlement of J. D
Hayden freight -

From #22 - Bill

\$299.40-

44 - Sales 5 B/C.

286.85-

Exemption #128 - 5 B/Cotton -

The next bill you send please state what
the Packages contain - 78 Pkgs is too
vague for a voucher -

Very respectfully

Yr obt serv

C. C. Wells

Capt.

Captain Barran Esq. from this
 Hawaiian letter S. H. H.
 Mr. Stone Esq. Esq.
 Hawaiian.
 Sir.

I have your favor of the 11th &
 now contents. Enclosure A.R.

I had already sent J. C. Smith
 & John Duggins at request of L.
 Cannon to Chappell Hill. But as
 you have delivered the required quantity
 to him I send to day to Mr. Cannon to
 get the Sale of Baking & distribute it to
 his customers.

Send me the latest living paper at
 your earliest convenience.

I enclose Out of & Exemption
 S. J. Dangle & R. C. - J. H. H. 65

Very truly
 Yours
 W. B. Wells
 Capt.

Quartermaster's office
Haystack Oct 5. 1864

Dear Sir
I am in receipt of yours of the 28th inst of Sept

and note contents. I will by today's mail send you
a lot of blankets & stationery as requested.

I have made arrangements
with a Mr. Gray to receive government cotton at West Derby
and you can therefore consign all your cotton to him.

If you have any use for the
services of Mr. Keller I will endeavor to have him detail
kind orders I report to you, but if you have no demand
for his services it is well to apply for his detail as
I have no need for him. I have made a memorial
of you and for QM's office will supply it as soon
as practicable.

Respectfully
Yours obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 5, 1864

My dear Sir

On the 3d inst I shipped to P. H. Smith at
Chaffell Hall one bale of bagging. Since I shipped
the bagging I have been advised that Mr. Smith was
supplied by Mr. Stone at Benham. You will there-
fore please obtain possession of this bagging and
consider it as a consignment to you.

Very Respectfully
Yours at Sert
A. C. Wells
Capt & a qu

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 4. 1864

Willis Esq
Montgomery

I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst and
understand. The Quartermaster's Bureau has been removed from
at present and I am not yet sufficiently acquainted
with the new mode yet to obtain the details you request
but the regular details you request can be obtained I
will give a make-shift which I apprehend will answer
your purpose.

Very Respy
yrs obt Svt
C. L. Wells
Capt & Genl

Quartermaster office.

Hanston Oct 5: 1864

The following negroes are in the service of the bottom
Bureau, Trans. Ship Dept. and are engaged in the transpor-
tation of government cotton

Combs	30	years	old	dark	color	5 ft 10 in	high	and	by	fact	color	Combs	to
Robert	21	"	"	"	"	6 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Exley	30	"	"	"	"	5 " 11 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
McClis	21	"	"	"	"	5 " 7 "	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
Ed	40	"	"	"	"	5 " 11 "	"	"	"	"	"	J. H. Baker	"
Black	19	"	yellow	"	"	5 "	"	"	"	"	"	G. Myers	"
Dane	20	"	Black	"	"	5 " 11 "	"	"	"	"	"	In Service	"

These negroes are drivers on the

train of R. S. Willis. Wagonmaster, and ~~supervisor~~
~~officers~~ are requested not interfere with them ~~and~~
They can be be regularly detailed

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 6. 1864

W. H. Hammett Esq. Capt.
Supt.

Sir,

I have your favor of 29th Sept & make
contents - I had already learned from
Cm. Capt. Foreworthy that the Cotton referred
to was in a damaging condition, belonged to
the State Dept. - It is not under our con-
trol in any way whatever. I am glad
to learn that the S & Bales in your charge is
still in good condition.

If you can have this Cotton hauled to
Harris Bluff on the Trenches, it can be taken
down to Beaumont by water - You
can thus avoid paying the ferrage at Beaumont.
When you ship please advise Capt H. B. Lee
Agent at Beaumont, and he will send a
boat to Harris Bluff for the Cotton.

Very respectfully

Wm. C. Wells
Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
 Houston Oct 6. 1864 -
 W. H. Harrison Esq Cpt.
 Lexington, Hill Co.

Sir -

I have your favor of Sept 28th & note contents. I have written you to Grandview, Aug 24 & Sept 27th. But as you make no mention of either I suppose you are not in receipt of them -

As Deque County is not in your District you need not concern in it. I am sorry you have not succeeded in purchasing any Cotton in your Counties - I knew there would not be much, but thought you could buy & ship the little there was in a month or so & then return here -

Since the reorganization of the Bureau, your District is placed under control of Maj R. B. Lewis & C. W. Walker at Haco - You will therefore correspond with them in future.

There is no vacancy in my District - all have been filled long ago -

Genl Walker has issued an order saying that during the prevalence of the Yellow Fever all men about frame their Commands (if stationed in Houston or Houston) will be allowed to remain away until further orders. You had better, however, report to Haco -

Very respectfully

C. E. Miller

Capt & Agt

Acty Cpt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Havens Oct 6. 1864 -

L. Cannon Esq Of
Country

Sir -

On July 26th 64 I signed an exemption
for 19 Bales of Cotton to R. S. I have here,
sent you this order for same quantity.
Did you ever get the Cotton? If so send
me your Receipts - Also advise me
what became of it -

Please make me a Report showing the
following particulars up to Sept 30 -

Cotton purchased & receipted for -

Cotton shipped or delivered, where & to whom -

This Report should cover all the Baled Cotton
you have purchased - As the matter

stands now I do not know what lots you
have shipped, & unless I do I can get official
Receipts for them I will be short in my
accounts -

Your attention will greatly oblige me

Very respectfully

Yr obt serv
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 6. 1864

C. C. Hunt Esq Cgr
Liberty

Sir -

Mr J. C. Kelly at Cedar Bayou has
on hand a quantity of Good Bagging & Rope
over & above what he required to Ball
his own Cotton with - I sent him
a lot from here, & it appears that you
also sent some to him - Please obtain
it & distribute it in some other quarter -
Probably some other person on the Bayou
has Cotton sold to last -

Mr Moore says you have 4 cars
empty at Liberty - Please load them
& send them over - The Road takes great
credit to itself now from the fact that
once in a dozen times when cars are
needed by you they have some left
with you which you do not use -

Very respy

Yours truly
J. C. Kelly
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Meek
Houston Oct 6. 1864

Majr J. C. Sumner
Chf Quar. Mstr Dist Tex.

Majr - I have the honor to request the
detail of
J. H. Hatter.

for service in this Office -
Please order him to report to me
for duty -

Very respectfully
G. B. Hells
Capt & Agt
Acty. Chf.

Eastern Bureau Sept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 6. 1864

Major W. H. Wagner Genl.
Savannah, Ga

Major

Some weeks ago I handed to
Capt. R. R. Davis Agno. a voucher
signed by H. Raine for \$50,000 - to be
sent to you for your certificate - As
this is a valuable voucher to me I
trust it has reached you safely, and
that you have made the necessary certifi-
-cate to complete it - Please return
it to Capt Davis at your earliest conven-
-ience.

Very respectfully

Jr. J. J. Webb
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 6. 1864.

H. E. D. Settle, Agent for King & Co. Contractors
for transportation of Govt Cotton, will
proceed to Sabine Town, Texas, to effect the
removal of the Govt Cotton there (also
Bales) and will report here as early
as possible after completing the service.

C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt.
Adj. Gen.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
Houston, Oct 6. 1864.

Major H. Pennington G. A.
will furnish Mr E. B. Settle
transportation by Railroad to Beaumont
thence to Houston, for self, negro boy, two
mules and ambulance - The private
conveyance is necessary to enable him to
proceed from Beaumont to Sabine Town
thence -

C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt., Adj.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss,
Houston, Sept 9. 1864.

J. L. Clapp Esq, Agent
in charge of Government Cotton, at
Sabine Pass, Texas.

Will deliver to Messrs King & Co. or their
authorized Agent Mr. E. D. Settle the Cotton in
your charge, for transportation to available points
on the coast.

The Receipts of King & Co. or of Mr. Settle will
be good vouchers to you for the transfer of this
Cotton. Messrs King & Co. are contractors with
Cotton Bureau for its removal. His absence
on the Rio Grande prevents the issuance of this
order under his own hand, but he will expect
a full compliance with it.

Any facilities given Mr. Settle will be
beneficial to the Public interest and will be
fully appreciated.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. serv
C. W. Wells
Capt & Agt
Army Corps
representing Genl F. H. Brundage
Chf of Cotton Bureau D. M.

Quartermaster Department
Houston Texas October 6th 1864

General.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of
your communication 29th August. covering only appointment
on behalf of the Quartermaster Department of which
I hereby signify my acceptance and enclose my official
Receipt together with my Cash of service, which I trust
will prove satisfactory.

Yours acknowledge receipt of same

I am the honor etc. Sir
Yours most obediently
H. A. May

Atty Genl & R. Rogers
Chief of Staff
Champion Le.

Winton Oct 6 & 1844
 From Cotton Office

Mr. J. H. Knap. Gals

I ship to day to your care, 3 Bales
 of India Dyeing, marked W. J. Davis Cold Springs which
 please forward here
 Very Respectfully
 W. J. Davis

From Cotton Office
 Winton Oct 6 & 1844

Chas. Davis Esq
 Memphis

I ship you on to day Train to Wash
 D.C. one of 3 Bales of India Dyeing 1000 yards
 The advantage weight to the office, will forward here
 and as it comes to hand.
 Very Respectfully
 W. J. Davis

3 Bales marked W. J. Davis
 Cold Springs

Wm. Robinson Esq

Worcester Oct 6th 1844

I enclose you a copy of the
and of the W. R. Co. with instructions & figures & types of materials
for you & make about copying amounting 1000 yds
you will please forward with pleasure to the office

Very Resp. Yrs
Wm. Robinson Esq
Worcester.

Will forward also as soon as it comes?

Sept 19th
Worcester

Worcester Oct 6th 1844

I have the day shipped to you now
I D Robinson, care of Wm. Robinson,
& make about copying
which please forward to Wm. Robinson at Providence by first opportunity

Very Resp. Yrs
Wm. Robinson Esq
Worcester.

I Robt, master W. Robinson
Care of Wm. Robinson
Providence

Quartermaster's office ✓
Houston Oct 6. 1864

A. L. Baker Esq
Chapfett Hill

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2^d inst and note contents. The regulations of the President concerning enclosed trade will not go into effect until they are officially published. That effect they will have on the operations of this office, when officially published, I am at present unable to state.

You can remove cotton and receive exemptions as before and which exemptions will be protected no matter what change, if any, may take place.

My friend ^{Mr. A. L. Baker} is an agent of Major ^{W. L. Garrison} and will at that point issue permits on my exemptions.

Very respectfully
Yours obt Servt
C. G. Mills
Capt & Agt

Carton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston Oct 6. 1864

Major A. S. Cabell G.M.
Clinton,

Sir,

I am now paying to Bull, Hatchings & Co. at La Grange, through Mr. W. H. Faison the local Agent of this Office (250) Two hundred & fifty Bales Cotton - in addition to the 250 Bales named in my letter of 15th Sept. To prevent the delay consequent upon the routine of sending notification to the office and the issue of my exemptions in regular form, I propose to file this letter with you as evidence that the Cotton is being paid by Government. Upon this you will please issue a permit for each lot of Cotton as presented to you covered by a Bill of Lading from Mr. Faison, showing the Cotton amounted to be a portion of the 250 Bales. To the extent of 250 Bales you will be secure.

You can notify me at any time to send you my official certificate of exemption, covering any specified number of Bales already paid by you.

I do not issue the exemption in advance of delivery as I cannot describe the lots of Cotton as they may be shipped, and I trust you will feel authorized to facilitate the movement of the Cotton as suggested above -

Respectfully yours
W. G. Wells

Capt & AGO.
not attd

See Folio 456
 Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Oct 6, 1864

Mrs A S Cabell Gen.
 Clinton.

Sir,

I am now paying to Edw. Hatchings & Co. at Sestap, through Mr. Sherman Reynolds the local Agent of this Office (100) One hundred Bales Cotton.

It prevents the delay consequent upon the routine of sending notification to this Office and the issue of my exemption in regular form. I propose to file this letter with you as evidence that the Cotton is being paid by Government.

When this you will please issue a permit for each lot of Cotton as presented to you covered by a Bill of Lading from Mr. Reynolds, showing the Cotton described to be a portion of the 100 Bales. To the extent of 100 Bales you will be secure. You can notify me at any time to send you my Official Certificate of exemption covering any specified number of Bales already passed by you.

I do not issue the exemption in advance of delivery as I cannot describe the lots of Cotton as they may be shipped and I trust you will feel authorized to facilitate the movement of the Cotton as suggested above.

Very respy yr obt serv
 W. G. Wells
 Capt & Agt
 Acty. of

Quartermaster's Office,
Harrison, Oct 2, 1864

John Dickman Esq.
Richmond

Yours of the 29th ult is at hand. Enclosed find bill of J. S. Fulton extended as requested for 60 days from 9th inst.

Very Respectfully

Yr Obedt Servt

G. C. Wells

Capt & Quar

Quartermaster's Office

Harrison Oct 2, 1864

E. & B. Dwyer Esq.

Care of Mr. Dwyer

Texas

Sol

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th inst and will
submit. If the same you prefer you may also balance to
an old powder account, the receipt for which you
have just sent by a. a. d. and suggest. The
price here for cotton in the market is about 100
cents per hundred higher than at this place.

Very Resp

Yr Obedt Servt

G. C. Wells

Capt & Quar

Quartmaster Office
Hunters Oct 20th 1864

Capt A. V. Mayall
District Mat Santos
Mexico

I have the honor to request the removal of the
detail of J. C. Baldwin, of Capt Richardson's Company, 1st
Regiment, for service in the Cotton Bureau as
a recruiting agent for Colorado Cavalry.

Private Baldwin was detailed on
the 1st day of August last for 60 days, and his detail
for service in the Cotton Bureau is still very important to this
Bureau.

Please order him to report to me for assign-
ment to duty.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servt

Capt A. V. Mayall
Quartmaster Office

Montreal office
 Quebec Dec 7, 1864

My dear Sir

I have the receipt of yours of the 5th inst. and take
 pleasure in saying that the goods are on their way
 and by sea to your place, including the insured, which
 amounts to \$6000, payable at the port of delivery.
 I have furnished the loading
 receipt and bill of lading, and when I am informed
 of the date when the goods will be ready to receive
 your order.

Very respectfully
 J. B. Wells
 Capt & Co

Quartermaster's Office
Hanson Det., 1864

Dear Sir,
Respectfully

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst. re Capt. G. H. Wells
and am glad to hear of his success. If Maj. Siding will obtain the application
from some agent of this office for his services in transporting
the men & will as requested have supplied the wagons
& mules ~~required~~ are being furnished with with
proper descriptive list. I have individually no
power of transportation, but let this different Agents
of the Bureau obtain it as wanted.

Very respectfully
Yr. Obedt. Servt
L. L. Wells
Capt & Agt

London Bureau Sept 2nd 1861
Yours truly
C. B. O'Keefe

Dear Sir,

I thank you for your letter of 21st Sept. from Rio de Janeiro City and note your promises with pleasure. You have certainly done more to relieve the wants of the people by your personal contact with the people and by the money that could have been done. Arriving in your city just by six months of hard work. I shall be very glad to see you & see the specie when it comes. We have had our own times here, but have managed to get up tolerably well considering the pressure. Col. Bate has purchased goods at prices as low as possible, but down prices as low as possible. He has had in mind the raising of the schedule prices. on Monday 20th. It was proposed to put it in force 1st inst. but as no purchases of goods have been made since then he still has time to apply the new prices. He has now for purchases from Steamships &c about 100,000 - about 50% at old schedule rates. The balance is now 50%. There is now in your 2 Steamers. Two of which are just loaded. The other three on hand. Nothing brought from the other yet. However, the raising of the schedule prices will be the same. I shall be very glad to see you & see the specie when it comes. I shall be very glad to see you & see the specie when it comes.

Yours truly
C. B. O'Keefe

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 in the Cotton of Houston & Austin Counties
 will not produce this much - You gave
 an order on Houston for 500 Bales before
 we left - 400 Bales have come to the
 business & the Rio Grande - I have paid
 away 200 Bales & have an order out
 on the County for 200 Bales - Austin
 County I have not drawn on, but there
 is very little cotton left in it - The
 old office drew from it for six months,
 & in our people stopped constantly - Now
 ever we can make up the deficiency some
 other way - They are getting cotton now
 from Matagorda County but very slowly
 as yet - The fact is the people do not
 intend to sell here. King is there himself
 buying the cotton at once who will not sell
 to us turning over to himself & receiving it
 back -

In the present state of the Regulations it
 has suggested itself to me that we may
 pay up a very large amount of indebtedness
 by giving exemptions to certain cotton now
 due here by justice or to be redeemed against
 the State. We can thus make the cotton
 almost all cotton for ourselves, & the State
 will reap the benefit of their labor.

You have seen the new Regulations. You
 do not perceive in any way for the acquisition
 of cotton by the State - except where it

The Train shall depart for Mexico
 & its load is in best account -
 This we can compel the sale of
 the cotton to Govt. by withholding
 the permission to depart, they have no
 other power to load the train with
 but this is a slow business and will
 not do to depend upon - The people may
 choose not to export - If you will say
 so I will settle about half of over
 some individuals at once with exemptions
 if the Govt is to be shut out of the market
 it makes no difference to us how much
 competition we have with each other.
 I argue of course on the ground that
 our exemptions will be repealed even
 after the regulations are enforced, upon
 the understanding that they are in fulfillment
 of contracts previously entered into -
 The regulations must be of 2 kinds
 specially made with cotton - Govt.
 himself & those who have written Govt.
 must be the subject of cotton & the
 & those a government at Austin during
 the session of the Legislature - They
 must have to be represented by an officer
 who knows the business & can tell them
 how far the military will consent to
 the regulations. Legally
 speaking the regulations are to be under

Civil & not Military management -

I think Col Hutchins has been appointed by
Gen Smith the Officer who is to decide upon
applications for permits to export - Col H.
does not know it, & we may all be mistaken,
but Maj Payne when here said that Col H. had
been selected by Gen Smith. Forget what
is now in Austin & will probably be designated
to come to represent him at the conference
at Austin.

When do you expect to return here? You
have relieved us very much by taking off the
Texas districts, but we have still plenty to do
& you will find plenty to turn your hand to
when you come - We want your aid
to withdraw the Regulations. I explained
myself with Major Payne all to no purpose.
It seems that Gen Smith must publish them
as anything left to do now is to make one
of the Texas resources in advance of the
publication, & believe we can do it with the
exceptions - Every body concedes that they
must be repealed & the made on old contracts
if we can cover a multitude of debts with them.
Please write me your views.

Very respectfully,
C. C. Hall,
For Mr. Broadwell
San Antonio.

Quartermasters office
Haverton Oct 7th 1864

J. S. Biddle Esq. agt
Haverton

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd inst and make
enclosed enclosed find \$390.00 U. S. Notes all issued, being
sent your expenditure for statement from you. Sign
the enclosed receipt for the money and then return it.

I can not say definitely what
effect the new regulations will have on our operations.
The regulations have not yet been officially published
and until they are they will be inoperative. In the mean-
time and until you are advised you will please continue
to act the same as if no such regulations existed.

The schedule price for
notes purchased by us is the same as it has always
been.

We have no new issue to put out at present
and there is nothing when we will obtain it.
We are however ready to discharge such claims in
old issues as adding on to the old or as to make it
equal to the new, or in certificates of the Treasury
to pay any sum we may be placed in funds.

This is as much as I can do
and as much as I can do.

In regard to B & N all I
can say is that I will do the best I can. It is very
difficult in fact impossible to acquire it in any market.

Very Resp
Wm B. Biddle
Wm B. Biddle

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss ✓
Hannibal, Oct. 7. 1864

Capt. J. B. Owens
Richmond, ✓

Capt.

I have your favor of 5th inst & note
the procedure of Mr. H. C. Holan. I cannot
express my contempt for such an attempt
at common swindling - it is evident on its
face - We have a prompt remedy,
however, notifying Mr. Holan that you will
accept to him for his Cotton on the terms
agreed upon - that is to pay him single
separate rates, deducting the value of the
Cotton & Rate, & giving him an exemption
for a like quantity of Cotton - If he
refuses, you will at once notify Capt. B.
Strogonline to improve his whole crop -
Mr. Holan will see which he will gain
by his swindling - I do not feel
disappointed at his course for I have
not expected any other result since he
pretended to yield to your proposals by
making a contract he did not intend
to respect, but made merely to escape im-
provement at the time.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

L. G. Webb

Capt. Agn

Oct 7

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Miss
Houston Oct 3. 1864

Capt J. C. Owens

Richmond

Sir -

I have your favor of 5th Inst -
Show my letter to Nolan, but do not let him take
a copy of it, or use it any way that will be dan-
gerous to us -

The Rice & Frost Cotton you will only receive
as inferior - If, however, they have better Cotton
for their half, tell them they must share equally
with the Govt - If the inferior Cotton is a fair
division as to quality, I will settle with them
for inferior -

Mr. W. across Bagging & Rope has gone to her -
Jenn & Co. rings are all he sent -

J. S. Young will send you some Cotton,
which you will please class weigh and
receipt to him for -

In the Nolan matter, you may as well
write to Capt Sinopline at once - Half
of his Cotton will have to be impressed
under the law - I think there is no
doubt for it -

Lt Col E. J. Gray
San Antonio -

Benigno

Wm. H. H. H.

C. G. H. H.

Capt & Agt

Acty & Clk



Cotton Bureau Dept Texas His
Houston Oct 2. 1862

Lat

I have your favor of 3rd inst &
note your request for an order on
Capt Swichell for your specie pay -

I have only the right to make
a request of Capt Swichell, and this
still leaves him the liberty of deciding
whether he will do it or not - The
Cal Provadwell will be in San Antonio
probably before this can reach you
I therefore leaving the whole matter
to him

The question of specie pay, has
already elicited enquiry from Dept
Ad Gen, and I should not be surprised
if an order comes from that quarter
stopping payments in specie & putting
San Antonio there on the same footing
as the Houston office - i.e. gold
coupons -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. G. Hall
Capt & Agt.

E. J. Gray

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Oct 7. 1864 -

The train wagons & drivers in charge of
J. H. Baker, are engaged in hauling Cotton
exempted from impressment by this Office.
Consoling and impressment officers are
requested not to interfere with the train -

Descriptive Roll of Negro Drivers -

Name of Driver	Residence	Name of Negro	Age	Height	Color
Jack Baker	Grimes Co.	Pamper	30	6 ft 6 in	Black
do	"	Robert	21	6 "	"
do	"	Peter	30	5 ft 11 "	"
do	"	Willis	21	5 ft 7 "	"
J. H. Baker	"	Ed.	40	5 ft 11 "	"
B. G. Heyler	"	Alch	19	6 "	Yellow
H. Redman	"	Rane	40	5 ft 11 "	Black

W. G. Wells
Capt & agm
Adg. ch.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hannaton, Oct 3. 1864

The Teams wagons & drivers in charge of
Wm. Bernice, are engaged in hauling Cotton
exempted from impressment by this Office
Enrolling Officers and Impressing Officers
are requested not to interfere with the
train -

Descriptive Roll of Negro Drivers

Name of owner.	Residence	Name of Negro.	Age	Height	Color
J. Hornack	Montgomery	Jim.	19	5 ft 10 in	Black
J. Hornack		Cornelius	18	5 ft 10 in	

W. G. Webb
Capt. Ragm
Acty. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss ✓
 Monroe Oct 4. 1864

W. E. Nelson Esq.
 Sugar Land, ✓

Sir -

I am in receipt of your favor of 10th inst. & take contents - Edger Lewis had already written me about your contract notice of the contract, but he did not tell me you had agreed to leave the decision to me.

The contract has but one meaning - The Govt has furnished the Bagging & Rope to you for a special purpose & under the understanding that you take it on the terms of the contract and sell your Cotton at the single schedule rates paying for the Bagging & Rope by having its cost deducted from the value of the Cotton - Your purchase of the Bagging & Rope is not the same as if you purchased it at retail of the Govt paid your own money for it & baled your Cotton with it. Until you complete your contract the Bagging & Rope is Govt. property delivered to you for a specific purpose - After you deliver the Cotton & I pay you for it, the Bagging & Rope on your own sale of the Cotton is your own - that on the Govt sale reverts to the Govt with the Cotton, but you pay for both.

As for the expense of baling & pressing, it is a matter not taken into question at all. When you deliver Cotton it must be in mercantile

-able order - You are the only man, of all who have dealt with us, who has raised this question, and I am sure you cannot be in earnest -

This Bureau desires to acquire Cotton for Govt. in the manner most agreeable to the Planter, while at the same time we try to make the remainder of his Cotton more valuable to him than the whole was without our Agency - Since the Inspection Office was established, Cotton has advanced from 3¢ Specie to 8¢ Specie - merely because the exportation is secured without molestation to any man who accepts our proposals - When you do accept & receive an exemption from this Office your Cotton remaining on hand advances in value 500 p.c. -

Planters are really the beneficiaries of this system, although they profess to think it injures them -

Our schedule prices for Short Seed Cotton range from 1¢ to 15¢ - according to classification. The average is 8 1/2¢ for Low Middling Cotton -

Here are the figures you will receive - The Commissioners Schedule is for improvements only - 150¢ is the maximum for Sea Island Cotton - The price for Short Staple or Uplands is 15¢ - If you suffer improvement you are entitled to no exemption -

Very respectfully
 C. G. Wells
 Capt. R. G. M.

Capt J. E. Owens
Richmond

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Sir -

Since writing you this morning I
have a letter from Toland - to which
I reply - You need not show him
my letter of this morning, but please act
upon it if he does not comply with his
contract,

I enclose a copy of my letter to
Toland -

Very respectfully
Yours at
L. G. Kelly

Cotton Bureau Rept Trans Miss
Houston Dec 7. 1864

O. G. New Eng Coh
Hillican.

Sir.

I have your favor of 4th Inst from
Oakland - enclosing Report of Receipts and
Shipments, which is very clear & plain -

You will find Bagging & Ropes
at Hillican - I have engaged Messrs
Hawwell & Pono to distribute it on your
orders -

Very respectfully
Yours at
L. G. Kelly
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 7. 1864
W. G. Farte Esq
Eagle Lake.

Sir.

I have your favor of 5th inst
with enclosure, & as desired, now
send you Certified account of 100.00
& Exemption 20 B/Cotton in name
of B. A. Harrison.

Very respy
Yr obt serv
C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 7. 1864
W. Magblum Esq
Richmond

Sir.

I have your favor of 6th inst with
enclosure & now enclose you Certified
acct. of 100.00 & Exemption for 2 B/C.

Very respy
Yr obt serv
C. G. Wells
Wright

✓

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 7. 1864.

A. B. Bailey, Esq. of
Huntsville

Sir.

✓

I have your favor of 5th inst &
note contents -

I enclose Cert of Exemption
J. M. Wynne Exr. of B. C. \$ 398.52

I am much obliged by the Affidavit
from Patterson -

When you ship the Walker (Smith's
Walker) 12 Bales please advise Mr
Vedder that it is Hart Cotton - so that
it may be kept correctly on my Books -

Does Walker claim to deliver it at
Huntsville? I wish you he might
do so, but he should not, as the
freight was paid to Vassar, in
advance, at \$ 20.00 per Bale, when C. B.
notes were worth something -

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Haverton, Oct 4. 1864

John Holston Esq Asst
Wilmington

Sir

I have your favor of 5th inst with
enclosures -

Now enclose Carrage & Exemptions
S. J. Redgate - 8 R/C - \$250.54
D. Miller 4 " 215.54

The Ambushle matter is correct -
Thank you for the weights of the 11 R/C
delivered Stillman Kennedy & King -

The application for Mr Baldwin's
detail goes up to Head Quarters today -
I will forward it as soon as received -
Tell Mr Baldwin he is very remiss in
one point - He must never issue a
Certificate of Receipt for Cotton without
running on the Receipt, either on the face
or back, the no of Baggings & Rope
delivered to the Party - It will save
as much trouble -

Very respectfully
C. C. Will

Sept 10.

Your bags on the West Cotton should be collected
from him - forward over Bill & try to
it - at least get a certified account
from him -

Weston Duncan Dept Lane Miss ✓
 Houston Oct 3. 1854
 Mr. W. Garrison Esq, Apt.
 No 17 Orange ✓

Sir. I have your favor of 4th inst with
 acknowledgments.

I now enclose Out of 3 & 4 exemptions
 of B.C.

A. McDow	7	\$313.00
C. Proctorius	12	559.31
J. S. Harmon	5	218.39
J. S. Harmon	2	849.00

For the freight paid by you, send
 me the following particulars, viz:
 To whom paid - On what lot of goods -
 Date number of Packages & contents.
 From where - To where - Distance in miles -
 Rate of freight for the above miles -
 Make it all up in one Bill - Select
 the Order to pay yourself with at the
 new schedule rates, & send me a
 statement of it. I will have the
 vouchers made up sent you with exception
 for the Order.

Very respectfully
 Yrs obt. servt
 C. E. Wells
 Capt. &c.

The style is troublesome, Mr. Garrison, but it is the
 best way to follow now, as it saves trouble in the
 end -

Walter Bureau Dept. James Allen
Houston. Oct 4. 1864.

C. Chaswell Esq.
Conductor H. C. R. R.
Newstead

Sir -

I am notified by the City of the
H. C. R. R. way that you will not
deliver Cotton for goods unless specie
freights are paid - I suppose this
is right, provided you have no
contract with goods covering all
your property transported over the
Road -

If there is no such contract your
freight bills will be paid - I have
an arrangement with the Central
Road to pay their bills monthly - As
I would prefer to have the Receipt
of your Road for the work done by
it, I propose that you keep an
account of each days freight and
send the bill here or to Mr. Gorham
at the end of each month for collection,
it will be paid as the Central R.R.
bills are -

Very respectfully
Yours
C. Chaswell
Esq.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 8. 1854

Ben Stokes Esq Apt
Brenham,

Sir - I have your favor of 6th inst with
enclosures - I now enclose Boulds Baker &
Kearney - Invoice Bagging & Rope \$3.509.35
Sales #8 R/Cotton 3.508.34
Exemptions #8 R/Cotton

Have the two vouchers signed & return them to me.

You may buy the Bagging & Rope from F. J.
Randle on same terms - The Iron ties we do not
want.

The R. S. Armstrong Certif N. 42 has not come to
hand yet. If you issue a duplicate, mark it so -

My exemptions must be given up at San Antonio
or Clinton & Maj Willie's permit substituted & My
paper will not pass the Cotton at the Rio Grande.

Maj Willie requires my Exemptions before he will
issue the Permit. It is better to wait
here a day or two until the forms can be com-
-pleted with - It will save trouble & detention
on the road & delay at point of Exportation.

Very respectfully

G. B. Wells

G. B. Wells

Capt & agent

Actg. Secy

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 8. 1864

Dear Sir,

As your visit to Marshall is probably in connection with the President's Regulations - their proposed publication and our future procedure under them, I respectfully offer the following conclusions and suggestions as they present themselves to my mind, trusting that you may be able to turn them to account in solving the difficulties of our new position -

A reading of the Regulations raises the question with me whether there is any intention to place the acquisition of Cotton for Govt. purposes in the hands of the military - I think the purpose of the Act & Regulations is solely to place the whole matter under control of the Treasury Department - The Cotton is to be acquired by the title or Tax in kind Bureau, & through the purchasing Agents of the Treasury Dept - It is not to be used in the country for payments of any kind - but is to be sent abroad as Treasury Cotton - sold there & the proceeds placed at the credit of the Treasury, subject to draft just as much C.S. currency now in the hands of depositaries - This fund,

I conclude, is to be placed at the Control of the War Department only so far as Warrants are issued for the purpose by the Treasurer. If this be a correct conclusion it proves the wisdom of the Congress in one sense, for they thus place the Cotton where its specie proceeds are greatest. But it also exhibits a lack of wisdom, because the mode of conversion into money is so slow in progress that our armies will die from want before the supplies necessary to maintain them can be procured.

If General Smith will still assume the responsibility of controlling the Cotton & Supply Bureau, we may still do much good. This will necessitate the following guarantees.

1st. All the Exemptions of the Cotton Bureau must be respected henceforth, even after the official publication of the Regulations, provided such Exemptions are issued in completion of Contracts for Cotton entered into at any time previous to the publication. We have contracted for large amounts of seed Cotton, for which Bagging & Rope must be furnished. The scarcity of Baling material renders its acquisition very slow. But if our exemptions are understood as being goods, we can secure the greater part of all we have contracted for as soon as we supply the Bagging & Rope. The

mass of the people regard the Regulations. If we will prefer the rules of this Bureau provided the exemptions we give them will protect the exportation of their Cotton - If we fail to guarantee this to them we will lose the bulk of the Cotton contracted for, as our claims will then be merely an exaction without any compensation. The money we pay them is not compensation, though nominally it is the cost of the Cotton - The exemption protecting the exportation of their other half is really the valuable consideration.

To enable us to receive what we have purchased the guarantee should be given - Judge Gray should unite with Genl Smith in making it -

2nd - All teams, wagons & drivers engaged in hauling exempted Cotton must be protected from interference by any authority whatever - The guarantee must be so strong as to prevent such a train from detention or molestation by any one - The only exception to be cases of military necessity - & even such a necessity, unless obviously vital, must not subject the train to imprisonment, though it might create the power to detain it while the necessity existed -

The short people must be made to see - through the protection we afford them - that our exemption serves their interests better than the Regulations - If we can

Eng. Office
Hank. Oct 17 1894

58 lbs

weight

to Monday

I have shipped you on to day's Train
2 lbs. Indian Diggins to you
11 lbs. Mammoth Ref. to you
One nice fine antique map to the office

Very respectfully
Edw. H. H. H. H.

Eng. Office
Hank. Oct 17 1894

J. H. Green

Account

I have shipped you on to day's Train
2 lbs. Indian Diggins 120 gals
11 lbs. Mammoth Ref. 120 pounds
One fine antique map to the office

Very respectfully
Edw. H. H. H.

Dear Mother Office
 London Oct 8 1884

W.D. Irving Esq
 Bristol

I ship you in 10 days time

40 lbs India Baggins 120 yds

3 Brit Manilla Rope 127 fms

Please forward receipt for same to the office

Very Respectfully
 C. S. MacGregor
 Principal

Dear Mother Office
 London Oct 8 1884

Mrs Mary Allen
 Staffs Print
 Madam

I ship you in 10 days time

40 lbs India Baggins 120 yds

3 Brit Manilla Rope 127 fms

Please forward a receipt for same to the office

Very Respectfully
 C. S. MacGregor
 Principal

My letter to
you is in the
mail

I hope
you will
write soon

I am happy to hear
you are getting on well
and hope to see you soon
at the office.

My letter to
you is in the
mail

I hope
you will
write soon

I am happy to hear
you are getting on well
and hope to see you soon
at the office.

From Bureau office
 October 25 1894
 J. Allen Esq
 Richmond

I ship you on 10 days train
 13 Crit Manilla Rope 1000 lbs
 please forward bill to the office
 Wm R. Allen
 1000 lbs

From Bureau office
 October 25 1894

J. Allen Esq
 Richmond

Train 22 Crit. Manilla 1000 lbs
 please acknowledge receipt
 Wm R. Allen
 1000 lbs

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 8. 1864

E. Blake Esq
Cincinnati

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and note
will in a few days send you a
copy of B.R. to Mr F. J. Leach & I will agree
to meet your wants as early as possible.
Yours very truly
Capt Fairbairn at San Antonio

Very truly
yours
G. C. Miller
Capt &c

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 8. 1864

Capt W. L. Fairbairn
San Antonio

In furnishing ammunition to E. Blake of Cincinnati
amounting for 50 Blasters you will please charge in
order 550 yds Rags & 600 lbs Rope - This office has
agreed to furnish him with that quantity of those articles

Very truly
yours
G. C. Miller
Capt &c

Receivable Bureau. Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston, Oct 2. 1864.

I hereby certify that the Str 'Hephine' is
laden with Cotton received from this
Office, in payment of Army Supplies
imported and sold by W. D. Forley & Co.
to Lt. Col. W. S. Hutchins, G. M. for the
use of the Confederate States.

neg.	
121 Bales	52.105 pounds
204 "	105.064 "
295 "	196.010 "
270 "	119.750 "
42 "	18.550 "
<u>1082 Bales</u>	<u>482.142 pounds</u>

C. G. Wells
Capt & agt
Actg. Clk.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 8. 1864

27 books Reg
Campstead.

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st 3rd & 5th unit
and note contents. Your contract with S. Irvine is
approved. I will forward him \$8000 to East Remond strain
as soon as practicable, I can not now and can not
say when however, I will be able to pay any certified
in new issue, I can however pay all my certified
in old issue, and will add on to the amt fifty
percent so as to make it equal to new, or if the
fact is proved I can give them former Treasury certificates
to pay them in new currency as soon as he is placed
in funds. This is as much as I can do as far as
he is usually expected of me. Until the Treasury
dept sees fit to place us in funds I can, not of
course meet payments in new currency.

I will send you \$8000 in
a few days and as after thereafter as is practicable

I will write Mr. R. Blake
and state to him that I will send you some \$8000 shortly
and refer him to you for a supply of clothing with
please furnish him as early as practicable. He
will have to obtain his receipt from Capt Trenchard.

Respectfully

Yr obt Serv
C. G. Wells

Capt & Co

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 8. 1864

Wm. Cunningham Esq
Fort Sullivan

I am in receipt of yours of the 28th 29th & 30th ult and
will act and make contents.

Enclosed find certified of and receipts as follows
received of dated Sept 25. for \$ 207.22 from W. W. Aysher
" 25 " 23.10 " W. W. Aysher
" 25 " 711.00 " Volney Bant
" 25 " 313.20 " J. A. Johnson
" 25 " 306.42 " L. H. Ferguson
" 29 " 520.23 " Elmer G. Beaver
" 30 " 1156.12 " J. Ferguson
" 30 " 1063.16 " L. H. Ferguson
" 29 " L. H. Ferguson for 10 Bats bottom
" 435 " J. Ferguson " 10 " "
" 434 " Elmer G. Beaver " 9 " "
" 437 " L. H. Ferguson " 8 " "
" 436 " J. A. Johnson " 12 " "
" 433 " Volney Bant " 16 " "
" 432 " W. W. Aysher " 5 " "
" 439 " W. W. Aysher " 6 " "
" 438 " " " " " "

I am not able to say when I will
be able to pay certified of in new issue, but am now
ready to pay them in old issue and will add to
the amount fifty percent so as to make it equivalent
to new issue. This is as much as can reasonably expect
from anyone. The Treasury Dept has not yet passed
any of our disbursing officers in funds with new issue

between the department for the States, and another place
 is some of course we can only pay in such funds as
 we are provided with. This is the only office that
 will pay in all cases and not only in the currency
 but to make of equal to you.

It can not pay for any
 of issuing certificates, and in consequence of our loss
 we are obliged to make. We shall of course have to
 be making for in a of States and if it is not success
 all I will notify the meeting.

Very truly
 Yours
 L. G. Wells

Quartermaster's office
 Houston Oct 8. 1864

Mr. John C. Bay
 Hempstead

Sir

Please sign the enclosed receipt for baggage
 and in view of the others formerly signed by you and also enclosed.
 and return by first mail.

Very truly
 Yours
 L. G. Wells
 Capt 9th Regt

not even the depositor for the state, and until that
is done of course we can only pay in such funds as
we are provided with. This is the only office that
will pay in all cases and add on to the amount
so as to make it equal to new.

We can not pay for rent
by issuing receipts, such an arrangement we have
no authority to make. See what you can send for
building for in L. & Notes and if it is not uncer-
tain I will ratify the sending.

Very Resp
Wm. H. Smith
L. & Notes
L. & Notes

Wm. H. Smith
L. & Notes

Wm. H. Smith
L. & Notes

There is no other way of getting money out of the
state except by the sale of land or by the sale of
the state property.

Very Resp
Wm. H. Smith
L. & Notes
L. & Notes

June 27th - for 10 years of cotton -

and I shall not have much trouble to acquire
the cotton we have contracted for -

In speaking of exemptions there is another point of
interest to us - The indebtedness of the Bureau
is now about \$400,000 - payable in cotton - If the
exemptions can be guaranteed we can pay at least
half the amount in exemptions - that is to say we
can consider our creditors as the owners of a certain
amount of cotton - can buy half from them, exempt
the other half - then pay back to them on their accounts
the first half with an exemption for its exportation -

This procedure will enable us to pay our creditors
without the trouble of collecting the cotton - Let our
creditors collect the cotton themselves - They will be
willing to do it if we can protect the exportation of
the cotton -

I would not recommend this
proceeding, as flooding the country with exemptions
would deprive us of all the cotton - but as we
will probably be deterred, after the publication,
from getting any cotton whatever, it behoves us to
make the best we can for the money out of
our present facilities -

San and
some of the Regulations provide no means
for the acquisition of cotton by the Govt -

It is true that advantages can be taken of such

which says that no train or team shall
 start for Mexico with Cotton until one half
 of loss is taken on that account. - It
 may be based entirely on private account, and
 the authorities may delay its departure until
 it comes with all half the cargo to York, & gain
 permission to depart. - At the best this will
 be a slow mode of requirement. - If the people
 should choose not to export, and should leave the
 Cotton lying on Plantations, we should get none.

I enclose to you Rogers. 9th Sept, stating all
 errors brought my objections to the publication. - As
 you know time is not necessary to repeat these
 things. - Genl Smith will have probably seen the
 letter. - I admit that the Regulations must be
 published, but it would be a happy thing for the
 interests of this Department if it could be avoided.

I respectfully suggest to you that all efforts of
 the States to coalesce with the Govt in acquiring
 Cotton should be avoided. - If the States must
 acquire Cotton, and I believe such is the inten-
 tion of the Government, as soon as the
 Regulations are published, let them work by
 themselves. - We will only bring more odium
 on our operations by uniting with them.

To avoid making this letter too long, I stop here, but I desire to express upon your the necessity of obtaining guarantees for our exemption & for the trans transporting exempted Cotton. Obtain these & we will be still capable of doing some good. With much love I believe me and a dear letter to moments the Regulations and published.

The Officer who is appointed by General Smith to grant permissions to applicants under the Regⁿ should be entirely disconnected from the Bureau, either in the Cotton or Supply Department. The reasons for this are obvious to you.

Consultation with persons acquainted with the Law has convinced me that the President's Regulations & Civil Orders # 35 cannot work together. The one destroys the other & the people cannot choose between them, if they have the election. It is my duty to see Civil Order # 35 is to give exemptions in advance & is contrary of our institutions.

Very truly

Wm. W. H. Watkins
 Marshall
 Secy

Wm. W. H. Watkins
 Capt. & Co. of the

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Huntsville, Oct 8. 1864

S. D. Fiske Esq, Asst
Huntsville,

Sir -

By contract with King & Co, all
the Gosh Cotton in Huntsville County is
pledged to them for transportation to
the Rio Grande -

You will therefore, after paying
the orders now in your hands, hold
all the Gosh Cotton subject to their
order, and deliver it only to them
or their duly authorized agents -

For all deliveries to them you
will take duplicate receipts, stating
the lots of Cotton by bales, weights and
classification - Send one of the
Receipts to me -

Very respy

Yours at

C. C. Wells

Asst & Asst. Chf.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 8. 1864

J. J. Cooke Esq Cyt
Hempstead,

Sir.

By contract with King & Co. all
the Gost Cotton in Austin County is
pledged to them for transportation to the
Rio Grande.

You will therefore hold all the
Gost. Cotton subject to their order, and
deliver it only to them or their duly
authorized Agents.

For all deliveries to them you
will take duplicate receipts, stating the
lots of Cotton by names of vendors, Bales,
weights and classification - Send one
of the Receipts to me -

Very respectfully

for act. sub

L. C. Wells

Capt Vols. Chf.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Oct 8. 1854
 Valentin Esq of
 Alleyton,

You will receive from Kennedy,
 Stillman & King, 34 Bales Bagging & 65 Coils
 Rope which you are to pay for in Cotton,
 when paid for it is to be sent to Wharton
 County to be put on Cotton to be paid to
 King & Co there - 34 Bales Bagging
 has been rec'd from them at San Antonio -
 which is also to be paid for by you -
 Also the Bagging & Rope which you sent
 by Capt King's order to Matagorda County
 is also to be paid for - The invoices
 will be sent to you, probably from San
 Antonio -

This letter is notice to you to hold
 the Cotton for King & Co. & Kennedy Stillman
 & King - The 34 Bales you will receive
 from Wharton County is probably to
 be applied to this purpose - If you
 have Cotton to turn over, you may at
 once transfer it to that agent, taking

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston, Oct 10. 1864.

J. H. Bagley, Repat Agt -
Deliver to J. H. House

2 26 Bales Cotton - }
522. 1 do } closed Oct 8. 64 -
27 Bales -

C. G. Wells
Capt. R.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston Oct 10. 1864

Halestons' Press -
Deliver to J. H. House

2078 - 25 Bales Cotton -
C. G. Wells
Capt. R.

Houston

Quartermaster office
Houston Oct 10. 1864Major J. L. Thomas
Chief Concise Service Western District of Texas
Major

I have the honor to request the detail of J. L. Thomas
aged 29 yrs. 5 ft 10 in high, hazel eyes, Black hair, son
completion, native of North Carolina, Occupation an
analer, Resident of Matagorda County, and enrolled in
Matagorda County.

The services of Mr. Thomas are neces-
sary to the Cotton Bureau for the transportation of gov-
ernment cotton.

Please order him to report to me for
assignment to duty.

Very Respectfully
Yours Servt
L. G. Mills
Capt & a gen
and duty in Cotton Bureau

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 10, 1864

Capt J. E. Adams
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and note contents. I return enclosed the better lot of the hot water and if the rest is no worse it will sample away. As to the remaining sample it is merely dog-bait and we have no use for it, and I am not authorized to issue rations based on the purchase of such water.

Very respectfully

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 10, 1864

C. B. Land Esq
Liberty

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst and note contents. The 200 lb shipped here have been received and I am advised from whom it was purchased.

I paying Col. Russell up for freight he only recd about 45 in silver, and we are forced to pay up in such funds as we can obtain.

Very Resp
J. B. Bent
Co. E. 7th
Capt Adams

✓
 J. H. Buchanan agt
 James Bluff
 21st

Quartermaster's office
 Houston Oct 19, 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd inst and
 note contents. The use you make of the Zastani BPR
 is satisfactory. Please send me in duplicate your
 bill setting forth the quantity of BPR you
 have used for repairs the number of balls repaired and
 the quantity for the use, I want it as a voucher,

Very Respectfully
 Yours Truly
 G. G. Wells
 Quartermaster

✓
 J. H. Buchanan
 James Bluff
 Houston

Quartermaster's office
 Houston Oct 20, 1864

I am in receipt of your telegram of the 9th
 inst and understand that your sale is satisfactory
 to the authorities and is being considered in the
 office.

Very Respectfully
 Yours Truly
 G. G. Wells
 Quartermaster

Captain Ammons, Dept Grand News
 Houston, Oct 10. 1864
 Mr. H. Wilson Esq, 4th King & Co.
 St. Louis (Money) ✓

Sir -

I have given you of 3rd inst with
 enclosures - I now enclose you
 Exemption, R. King & Co - 222 R. Cotton -
 Retail of J. R. Clemons -

When I sent the last exemption (for
 100 Bales) I asked you for a statement
 of the date of Cotton comprising it, but
 have not received it - Neither does any
 come with the Receipt for say Bales. Please
 send both - I have to depend on you
 to keep Mr. Maclelland informed to keep
 these deliveries of Cotton straight - I
 will never be able to tell anything
 about them unless I get some information
 from you & Maclelland - Please
 send me a list of the Parties whose Cotton
 you have received

Very respectfully
 C. B. Smith
 Cashier

✓ Cotton Bureau, Rept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 10. 1864

✓ H. G. Hale Esq.
San Antonio.

Sir -

I have your favor of Sept 28th for Mr. Parks.
and have issued the orders on Wharton & Austin
Counties & furnished Mr. Parks with Copies -

I have also directed the Sgt at Alleyton to
provide the clothes required to pay for the
Bagging & Ropes.

Mr. Scott has gone to Sabine Pass with an
order for the Cotton there - about 1000 Bales -

Capt. King is now in Matagorda County;
Cotton is being delivered to your Agent Mr. Wilson
in accordance with the contract.

I will do all in my power to carry out
the agreement with Col. Brockman.

Please send me the Specie funds you are
to obtain for me as early as possible - I
obtained only \$42 for the \$10000 by rec.
from you - And a \$4200 -

Very respectfully
C. E. Smith
Capt.

Boston Bureau Dept. of State Affairs.

Hanston Oct 10. 1864

Dear Mr. A. Broadwell

Some Questions.

Dear Sir -

I have your order of 16th Sept from
the diamonds, sent me by Mr. Hale - I have
complied with it as far as possible by giving
the necessary orders. I think, however,
you will not find it necessary to give a
monopoly in any other countries. It will
only result in exposing our poverty, - and
besides we can do very little here with other
people if they see that King & Co. have a mortgage
already on all the Cotton the Gov. can expect to
acquire during the year. I believe you have
done the best the circumstances would permit,
& if we had no other payments to make we
could fill the contract. As it is, however,
King & Co. must be disappointed with the result.
The American they have will not furnish the Cotton
they look for & so we believe we will have
to go to some foreign exporting countries.

As it will never do to tell them this, you
ought make the suggestion to them to accept

exemptions for say 200 a Balas, to be applied to Cotton to be purchased by these agents. The argument would be that they could set their own agents at work & thus acquire Cotton at a double rate of speed & pay their debt sooner.

The truth is I am not at all sanguine about the success of our institution - You have already seen & appreciated the effect of the President's Regulations on the Banks, when published, & I believe you will agree with me that everything done in advance of the publication is as much made & saved.

Col Hutchins has been ordered to Marshall to meet Col Smith on the subject & I have written him a letter urging upon him the necessity of a guarantee for our exemptions. With the guarantee we can realize all the Cotton contracted for & still unguaranteed. We can give exemptions to a considerable extent in payment of our liabilities. This is the main chance for setting our accounts & avoiding a wind up with a large indebtedness behind us.

Your individual credit is something to be sacrificed & I know you will prefer paying the debt & leaving it unsatisfied for.

We are never going to get enough Cotton to
 pay with. We have got almost enough Supplies
 to relieve the army. We can buy more with
 our present credit - A large steamer came
 in last night & more are expected - The main
 point is to pay - I believe the most of our
 operations will accept exemptions & consider
 themselves paid - They will be willing to run
 the risk & take the trouble of finding Cotton
 to cover with them - It makes no difference
 to us who handles the Cotton provided the army
 gets the goods - Such people as will not
 take exemptions we will probably be able to
 pay with Cotton - If our exemptions are
 guaranteed we will get Cotton up to the day of
 publication - If not we will lose every Ball
 we have contracted for, as no one will make
 deliveries to us unless we can put him our
 debts footing than those who do not sell to
 us -

Suppose you make the proposition to Mr Hale
 to buy Cotton himself - either to run over half to
 Govt. or to cover the whole with exemptions.
 I believe he will accept it & relieve us from
 a great drag -

I would be glad to know, Col, your neat opinion of our standing - whether you think we can hold out in spite of the Regulations - My own notion of it is exposure only to you & Col Hutchins. and it may go for nothing - I keep a stiff upper lip with the people & tell them we will continue just as usual - Col. Smith's idea of allowing the people to choose between the Regs & our orders, ~~that~~ will not work.

I hope we may be able to continue our efforts - In my opinion the result lies mainly with you. You can suggest some plan by which we can go on, and I hope your faculties are already at work.


Col Hutchins will do his duty at Marshall - Judge Gray will be there & will probably oppose all necessities and claim that the law & nothing but the law must be carried out -

If Mr Perkins has not already been instructed to receipt to me for cotton delivered to Edmunds & King & Co. please do so before you leave San Antonio - He may object to it otherwise, & I will be minus -

Very respectfully
C. C. Wells
Capt &

William Dimeau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Oct 10. 1854
 Ben Stanes Esq At-
 Greentown.

Sir,

I enclose Cert of Exemption
 E. J. Randle 34 R/C. - \$3.054.02
 Please insert the four mining weights in
 the  mark of the Randle lot.


I am told the Digging you have
 purchased is inferior and damaged -
 If so please see that the interests of
 the Govt do not suffer - You can
 make the parties (Robert & Emory,
 suppose) make it good to you by
 substituting good ~~digging~~ Digging -

The most of the Baling material
 arriving overland is damaged more
 or less - Have all bales offered
 to you properly examined before
 purchasing hereafter -

Very respy
 Thos W
 A. G. Wells
 Capt &c.

William Dimeau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Oct 10. 1854
 Ben Stones Esq At-
 Newhamp.

Sir,

I enclose Cert of C & Exemption
 E. J. Randle 34 R/C. - \$3.054.62
 Please insert the four missing weights in
 the  mark of the Randle lot.

I am told the Bagging you have
 purchased is inferior and damaged -
 If so please see that the interests of
 the Govt do not suffer - You can
 make the parties (Robert & Ewing,
 suppose) make it good to you by
 substituting good ~~bagging~~ Bagging -

The most of the Baling material
 arriving overland is damaged more
 or less - Have all bales offered
 to you properly examined before
 purchasing hereafter -

Very respy
 Yours etc
 A. G. Wells
 Capt &c.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 19 1864

✓
Selling Egg
Quartermaster

✓
you of the 6th unit enclosing Bk 56 Bales
which shipped by you to his friendship on a/c of
contract with J. McKinnis of Ellis has been
received and is duly paid? or not? Perkins

Very Respy
yours Snt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Co

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 20 1864

W. M. Perkins Esq
Quartermaster

Sci

Enclosed please find Bk 56 Bales Cotton shipped
you by Col. McKinnis being on a/c of contract with
J. McKinnis

Very Respy
yours Snt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Co

Quartermaster Office
Trenton Oct 10. 1864

✓
Wm. H. Loring Esq
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst and
note contents

✓
Enclosed find certified as and exemptions
as follows

Certificates deducted for of L. Fuchs for \$46.58

6 th	J. F. Hodge	287.70
6 th	J. L. Gay	990.25
6 th	G. B. Beaumont	370.25
6 th	John Dinsdale	791.00

Exemption of \$443 for John Dinsdale for 15 Balls bottom

446	G. B. Beaumont	12
448	J. L. Gay	22
445	J. F. Hodge	7
447	L. Fuchs	1

Very Resp
Yr Obedt Servt
G. E. Wells
Capt & Agm

Sealed under office
London Oct 10. 1864

L. S. Mearns & Co.
Providence, R.I.

21

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst and
of course. Enclosed please find certificate etc and
everything as follows.

Carried at favor N. Brinsford for \$49.00

M. S. Broekman 330.35-

Strong Hair N 448 " " 8 Balls Cotton

• 449 • 18 Brigade • 10 •

I am not in funds with new wine
to pay certificates, but I am ready to pay them in
old wine and ~~will~~ add on 50 percent to make
it equivalent to new wine. or if the party prefers
it I will give him Mr. Lays certificate for the
amount to be paid as soon as he is placed in prison.
In Mr. Roams case I will if she wishes it purchase
her a 4 per cent certificate which is receivable in
payment of taxes - this is as much as can reasonably
be expected from me -

Very Resp
yours servt
Capt & agm

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 12 1864

✓

of blocks of
of fabric

Yours of the 6th is at hand, enclosed find cer-
tified of your favor dated July 12 for \$1000 -
and two certificates No 450 & 451 one for ten bales
and one other for the same amount.

Very Resp
yrs Svt
L. L. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 10. 1864

Engineer Mr. Sanford Esq
Houston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and
note enclosed. Enclosed find certified of in your
favor dated Oct 1st for \$1000 and description also in
your favor No 453 for 10 Bales cotton and one in
favor of G. Sumner No 454 for 8 Bales -

Very Resp
yrs Svt
L. L. Wells
Capt & Agt

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Quartermasters office 406
Houston Oct 11th 1864

✓
Chas. Mayblum Esq
Richmond

Sir
I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst and note
contents. Enclosed find certified ap and exemptions as
accrues.

Certified ap dated Oct 7th for Mr. Mayblum for \$589.61...

..... 417.76...

..... 44.50...

Exemption No 457 for Mr. Mayblum for 2 Bales cotton

..... 458 12.....

..... 456 14.....

Very Respy
Yr obt Servt
L. G. Wells.
Capt & Co

Quartermasters office
Houston Oct 10th 1864

✓
Chas. Ehlinger Esq
Fayetteville

Sir
Yours of the 2nd ult. is at hand. Enclosed find
certified ap and exemptions as follows -

Certified ap favor to Ehlinger dated Sept 22. for \$857.82

..... F. Stable 22 135.66

Exemption No 457 form 3 Bales cotton

..... 455 Ehlinger 15 "

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & Co

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Hannibal, Feb 11. 1864

John Holston Esq. Aft.
Albany.

Sir

I have your favor of 8th Inst & note contents. I enclose Cert of Exemption & Bill Dugging & Rope. E. J. Sammons says he has the vouchers signed & return them to me - Advise me how you close the unsettled balance.

Your own accounts have my attention - I do not think you should charge anything for receiving and forwarding Army Supplies - I enclose vouchers for signature vouchers, exp.

Cotton Charges to June 30 - 1910.20

Forwarding Army Supplies to Aug 31 - 105.00

do do Sept 30 52.80 160.80

Cotton Charges to Sept 30 - 198.70 -

Send me all the vouchers for the amt of \$401.70 as stated in your account - When I receive

them your acct will have a balance at credit of \$1800 ~~00~~ - The \$100 ~~00~~ should come off, however,

to pay yourself all Cotton at schedule - I note that you can only get 15¢ - that I find here that a good list of Good ordinary will bring more than 15¢ schedule price - Ingt -

Very respy

G. E. Wells

Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Oct 11. 1864
 J. H. Grace Esq, Esq
 Victoria

Sir,

I have your favor of the 10th inst. & make
 your statement of Cotton acct. - The
 22 Bales shipped by S. Reid's agents, Aug 5.
 have already appeared in Capt J. S. Lynch's
 acct. as Cotton belonging to the old Cotton
 Office & the R/Lading in my possession
 is in Capt Lynch's name. If it should
 turn out a proper credit for you, your ac-
 will be correct when I get R/Lading
 on Receipt from the R/L Cotton on hand.

Very respectfully

G. C. Kelly
 Esq

Cashier Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Oct 11. 1864

Capt. W. H. Lang,
 Austin

Capt.

I have your favor of 5th but I cannot
 send you

Special Order No. 24. Dept. Hd. Qrs. detailing
 you to the Bureau - also -

Your letter to Genl Green with
 endorsements of Conscript Officers -
 The latter you can return to me after reading
 it - It is a curiosity -

In regard to your visit to Alabama -
 The Regulations say that no leave of absence
 can be granted without the approval of the
 Adj. or Dept. Commandant. & a late general
 order enforces the rule - My leave to
 you would have been until you came
 to some one who I knew better & then the
 result would be unpleasant to both of
 us - to me particularly for assuming
 to do what I am expressly forbidden to
 do - It seems a hard case, but
 I cannot see any help for it - You
 will recollect that Col. Smith at
 Galva. had no authority to grant you
 a leave for thirty days to visit your
 friends -

Very respectfully

C. G. Kelly
 Capt. Co

Custom Bureau, Dept. Trade Affairs
Hawalea Oct 11. 1864.

J. E. Vedder Esq. Aft.
Hawalea

Sir,

I have your favor of 8th inst with enclosed.
I make contents -

I now enclose -

Your acct for services

\$448.15

Sales C.R.C. -

441.44

Exemption C.R.C. -

Please sign the two vouchers & return
them to me.

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt

C. G. Kelly

Capt. U.S.

The 2 Bales Digging were sent you in
response to your call some days ago -
I have Bales more & some Rope go to
you by this train - Distribute it as
you see fit to the best advantage -

I trust your John's complaint will not
last always - It is bad enough to have
one - A succession of them is too much
to endure with patience -

C. G. Kelly

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Mass
Houston Oct 31. 1864

Hon. R. H. Lewis.
Wash.

Hon.

I have your favor of 8th inst. -
No. 100. Capt. Lang, Agent
at Austin has been detailed to me indefinitely
by Genl. Smith. He will remain on duty. He
will give you the statements you require.
Capt. Churchill will send you Dagging &
Paper from San Antonio.

The 100. has turned over to Mr. Langley
for R. H. & Wells leaves a balance due him
of \$100.00. You would oblige me very
much if you can fill the order. He
takes the Cotton there at Houston. I shall
send you consequently it is to the interest
of the Govt to pay him there. Please
write me what you can do.

Very respectfully
G. B. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston Oct 11. 1864.

Mr D. Gault Esq.

Secy Texas Bank Co. Waco.

Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 6th Inst asking for an order on Capt Smithell. San Antonio, for the 25 Bales Cotton Taken by W. J. Dickinson for S. S. & referring to the orders on the subject from Dept. W. G. Co.

I now enclose you a copy of your original letter & endorsement. Also your endorsement to me, upon which I have endorsed a request to Capt Smithell to deliver you the Cotton - If you will transmit both papers to him I think you will get your Cotton - Genl Broadwell is now at San Antonio & the matter can be directly referred to him if you desire it.

Very respectfully,

(Yours truly)

C. C. Wells

Capt. &c.

Custom Bureau Dept House Miss
 Houston Oct 11. 1854
 R. Christmas Esq
 Brownville.

Sir,

I have your favor of 9th inst
 to Col. MacChesney stating that Mr.
 J. C. Leane at Wallace's Store
 wished to have over a bank of Bils
 Cotton on the terms of this office -
 Mr. D. C. Keer is the Agent for
 Oregon & Dunbar Counties. If he
 has not already called on your
 neighbor please apply to him
 by letter as Millikan - Mr.
 Keer's receipt for the Cotton is
 the only evidence I can issue the
 exemption upon - When
 obtained send it to me & I will
 forward Mr. Leane's this Certified
 accd. & exemption authorizing the
 exportation of the Cotton.

Very respy

Yr obt serv
 L. G. Wells
 Capt. &c.

2nd\$120⁰⁰ coin

Cotton Bureau Rept. Trans Miss.

Houston, Oct. 11. 1864

Three days after sight of this First of
Exchange, (Second unpaid), pay to the order of Halcobius
M. Alfia, One hundred and twenty ²⁰/₁₀₀ dollars in coin,
being one half the value of Six Balacostea purchased
of him, - and charge to the official account of.

A. G. Wells

To W. H. Perkins Esq

Matamoros, Mexico.

Capt Vagno.
Actg. Clk.2nd\$120⁰⁰ coin

Cotton Bureau, Rept Trans Miss

Houston, Oct. 11. 1864

Three days after sight of this Second of
Exchange (First unpaid), pay to the order of Halcobius
M. Alfia, One hundred and twenty ²⁰/₁₀₀ dollars in
coin, being one half the value of Six Balacostea
purchased of him, - and charge to the official account
of.

A. G. Wells

To W. H. Perkins Esq

Matamoros, Mexico.

Capt Vagno
Actg. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Indus. Miss.
 Houston, Oct 11. 1864
 W. H. Pinkins Esq.
 Special Agt. War Dept. &
 Washington

Sir -

I have this day drawn on you (14 x 22 1/2 of
 each) for \$125⁰⁰ specie - favor Malcolm McAlpin,
 being half cost of Six Bales Cotton - Please honor
 the draft on presentation - Drawn at 3 1/2%

(Sincerely)

Yours etc

C. G. Wells

Capt & Actg. chf.

\$125⁰⁰

new currency

Cotton Bureau Dept. Indus. Miss.
 Houston, Oct 11. 1864.

One Malcolm McAlpin, in new currency, One
 hundred and twenty eight 20/100 dollars, being one
 half the value of Six Bales Cotton, purchased
 of him - payable when new currency is received
 by the Bureau - or in old currency on demand,
 at the legal discount.

\$128⁰⁰ in old currency

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Actg. chf.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
New York Oct 11. 1864

Major A. S. Cabell, G.M.
Cincinnati.

Major.

I have your favor of 1st Inst
(just recd) covering my defective exemption
to Mr. Cheppell - No. 226 - for 100 R Cotton
5125 lbs. I have the honor to enclose
a corrected one in lieu of it. I trust
Mr. Cheppell will excuse my mistake
upon the ground of press of business.
I am heartily ashamed of my feat -

Very respect

Yr obt serv
C. C. Wells
Capt &c.

2nd 10/11/64

Received

I ship in 10 days from
New York 100 R Cotton for A S Cabell
I have found some to one of the Agents, and
I expect opportunity to take your goods

Respectfully
C. C. Wells
Capt &c.

Wm. Oct 10 1846

C. D. Smith Esq
Boston

I send you on to day's train
I have India Diggins 1080 yds. of
the East & West India Diggins, and
forward you as soon as it comes to hand.
Please forward to the office your receipt for
same
Very Respectfully
C. D. Smith

Wm. Oct 10 1846

C. D. Smith

I have shipped you on to day's train
to Portland directed to Portland case to hold
of the Maine Diggins 1080 yds.
I have a knowledge of same & also of the
very best of the

Wm. Oct 10 1846

Wm. Smith Esq
Boston

I ship to you case
for G. L. Stone 24 lbs. Maine Diggins 1200 yds.
Please forward to him and acknowledge receipt of
same to the office
Very Respectfully
C. D. Smith

London Oct 11 1844
 B. & O. Office.

Mr J. A. Vane
 London.

I ship you a bag
 3 Bala shoes Baggins 10 10 yds
 10 Bala shoes Baggins 13 14 pounds.

These parcels with parcels to the office
 some bottles

B. & O. Office
 London Oct 11 1844

Mr J. A. Vane
 London

I ship you a bag of
 3 Bala shoes Baggins 10 10 yds
 10 Bala shoes Baggins 13 14 pounds
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Extra Bala Office
 London Oct 11 1844

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I have shipped you a bag of
 3 Bala shoes Baggins 10 10 yds
 10 Bala shoes Baggins 13 14 pounds
 These parcels with parcels to the office

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Dear Father Office
Monte Oct 11 1894

Mr. J. J. Mills
Montgomery

I ship you on to day
to Cyprus, care of H. Lynch

8 Bush Bros. & Co.
15 Bush Bros. (revenue)

1894 gr.

1894 party

Please forward receipt of same to the office

Monte Oct 15 1894

Q. & A. Bros. & Co.
Bush Bros.

I ship you on to day to
to Bush Bros. & Co. & A. Lynch

Monte Oct 12 1894
Dear Father Office

H. Lynch
Cyprus

I ship to day to you care of J. J.

Montgomery

8 Bush Bros. & Co.
15 Bush Bros. (revenue)

San Francisco Office
March 10th 1862

✓
San Francisco Aug
1861

I am in receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the above named matter. I have paid out in favor of the same \$1000.00 for the 1st inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same. I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 2nd inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same. I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 3rd inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same.

I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 4th inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same. I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 5th inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same. I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 6th inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same.

Very respectfully
Yours
L. L. Wells
Capt. 49th Regt

do

I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 7th inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same. I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 8th inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same. I have also received from the same \$1000.00 for the 9th inst. and the balance of the same is now in the hands of the receiver of the same.

Quadrant office
Houston Oct 22, 1904

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I am glad to hear you are well & hope you will
continue to improve. I am very much interested in
your progress and am anxious to hear from you again.
I have been thinking of writing to you often but have
not had time. I hope you will write soon.

2014

Great Seal

16. 11. 1944

Dear General
 Washington Dec. 12, 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst and
have consulted the President of the Plains Igloo
club. Let of Hart's case is all right. I will
pass over my plants. I will as a result
write Mr. Davis to report direct to this office instead
of through you. He has been supplied with proper
blankets. I have already a plan to take out regarding
the Park boundary bottom.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Servant
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quadr. no. 102 a. l. 10.
Houston Nov. 1. 1864

1892

... ..

The first in sight of yours of the 10th inst
 was received. The enclosed was as requested
 and will be sent to the proper authorities for their
 consideration.

I have enclosed to my last letter to you, in consequence
of my having been obliged to return to my old residence at
Haverhill, Mass. My usual way of doing business is
by express, and I intended not to do so for this time, but
have sent you for a safe a letter by express, to whom
you will deliver it, and then return it to his office, and
which will include my vouchers for all disbursements
of these articles.

My Respect
Yours at Saint
C. G. Wells.
Cottagen

Arthur Berman kept from Ohio
Proctor. Oct 11. 1864

I am to certify that I issued to S. D. Jones
on Sept 5th 1864, my official Certificate of exemption
for 25 Poles Cotton, an equal amount of Cotton
having been turned over to Govt in Wharton County.
As the original Exemption has been lost, with no
apparent prospect of its recovery, the paper may be used
as a duplicate and will authorize the exportation of
the Cotton. Maj A. S. Cabell, Gen. at Clinton
is requested to issue the permit accordingly -

1 1/2 bales 1900 lbs
2 1/2 " 1820 "
3 1/2 " 1900 "
13 6 " 1500 "
25 bales 12,500 lbs

C. E. Hull
Capt & Gen
Adj. Gen.

Quartermasters office
Houston Oct 12. 1864

A. S. Berman Esq and
partner

Sir
I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and
make contents. I have written Mr. Stone to purchase
your digging and rope. I do not want the iron wire
any more.

Yr obt Serv
C. E. Hull
Capt & Gen

San Francisco Office
 January 2nd 1869 ✓

✓
 Receipt of yards of the gelonit and nall
 We have purchased all the happing and rope
 at present, as much as we had in market and
 must have a yard or pound on hand.

We have chartered a steamer
 to bring in a full cargo of happing and rope and
 to be fasten enough to arrive early and
 to supply all parties who are entitled.

Mr. J. J. Cook's name has
 been put on our list and he will be first supplied
 with rope from what we can raise we can
 give preference to all others.

There is not in our possession
 enough of happing and rope to obtain happing
 and rope it is a serious case no small undertaking
 to supply such a demand and that
 we are happing rope for all the cotton in the
 State. Very truly
 Yours

I am sorry you are put to inconvenience
 and delay, but the fault is in the uncertainty of
 the market is out of our office.

I will hear your wants in
 as soon as possible with best terms and

Very truly
 Yours

Very Respectfully
 G. L. Wells
 Capt. & Co.

Instrument Office ✓
Hanchen Oct 12 1892

Solomon Sept

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I enclose a copy of your of the 8th inst and
the regulations of the President you saw
concerning island trade, and a copy of
the paper copy, and until the regulations are
published they are inoperative. Until you
are advised from this office you will please to
be satisfied. The time allowed by this office we will
as possible. The regulations to be made
and the govt and we will make out as possible
for a short before the regulations go into effect.
All supplies issued by us or to be issued hereafter
purchases now made, or made until we are
advised to resume your operations, will be respected no matter
what change is made by the govt in the acquisition
of cotton. Please continue your operations and act
with all the energy that is practicable.

Respectfully,
Yours truly,
H. G. Wells
Capt. U.S.A.

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Quartermaster Office
Houston Oct 12. 1864

✓
Wm. F. Macdusen Esq agt
Tampa

I am in receipt of yours of 11th inst and
its contents. Mr. Mills will receive the cotton yarn
from you as enabled to transport. on his order on your
for 300, Raffle Cotton. Please notify him.
I will send Gains exp. ship by next
mail.

Very Resp
Yr. obt. Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster Office
Houston Oct 12. 1864

A. S. Foote Esq agt
Houston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and
its contents. The statement of cotton furnished Rich-
man has been disp. I shipped you on the 10th inst
at Bernard Station 3 boxes of baggage and will
send you more as soon as practicable.

Very Resp
Yr. obt. Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 22. 1864

Mr. Birmingham Esq. agt.
Port Sullivan

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 3^d 7th & 8th inst. and note contents. I have no new currency with which to pay certificates and am unable to say when I will be placed in such funds. I am however able to discharge my certificates in old currency and will add on 50 per cent of the amount so as to make it equivalent to new currency. This is all I am able to do and as much as can reasonably be expected of me.

Enclosed please find certificates and receipts as follows

Certificate dated Sept 20 for J. J. Smith for \$169	
" " " Oct 3 ^d " A. L. Hearn for \$339	
" " " " 8 th " Ship's black " \$711 70	
" " " Aug 17 th " Chas. R. Foster " 3129 40	
" " " " 29 th " S. J. Dunning " 284, 40	
Exemption 30461 for S. J. Dunning for 8 Belcherston	
" " 460 " Chas. R. Foster " 40 " "	
" " 465 " Ship's black " 15 " "	
" " 468 " A. L. Hearn " 41 " "	
" " 462 " J. J. Smith " 192 " "	

Very Respy
Yours Svc
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss. ✓

Houston, Oct 12 1864

John Holston Esq. At-
Ellettsville.

Sir. ✓

I have your favor of 10th inst. & note
Contents.

I have given R. B. G. Mills the order on you for
1000 Bales of Cotton.

I do not think I can change the order to
King & Co. so as to compel them to receive the
Ordinary Cotton. - The expressly stipulated
that they were not to receive any grade lower
than Good Ordinary. - I will see what
can be done, however.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. B. Mills

Capt. &c.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Texas Recs.
Houston Oct 12. 1864.

General,

I have the honor to request an order for the imprisonment of one Salen Cotton, the property of John Duncan of Matagorda County.

Mr Duncan has steadily refused to sell his Cotton to Government under the propositions made by this Bureau, and authorized by Genl Orders # 84 & # 85 Dept. Ad. Gen. June 24 & 25. 1864. a certified copy of which, with accompanying letters & instructions, I now have the honor to enclose - together with a letter from W. S. H. Gibson showing the necessity of compulsory action in this case.

This request is made in accordance with the enclosed orders.

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt & Actg. Off.

Wm. S. H. Gibson

Commdy. Dist Texas &c.

Anderson Texas.

Secretary's office
 Dayton Oct 12 1864

My dear agt
 Gough

I am in receipt of yours of the 6th inst with enclo-
 sure and notes contents. I have not yet been placed in
 funds for new issue, and am unable to state when I
 will be. The people should either take certificates for
 new issue and hold them until we are placed in funds, or
 if they will send them here, I will pay them in old issue and
 add on to their amt 50 percent so as to make them
 equal about 15 new issue, or if they prefer it will give
 them 100 dollars for 100 dollars certificates for
 new issue and take them up. You are not expected to
 pay the certificates accounts.

We can not pay new issue
 until we are placed in funds. what I have proposed
 to do is as much as can reasonably be expected
 from us.

Very Resp
 J. B. Serr
 C. E. Wells
 Capt & Agt

Seaton Bazaar Dept Trans Miss
 Hamilton Oct 12. 1854

Mr. W. Gibson Esq

Sir. ✓

I have your two favours of 10th inst. I have applied to Genl Walker for an order for the improvement of the Duncane Cotton & will see that it is executed as soon as the order is issued - The new Regulations will not interfere with any of our operations now in progress, and all of our exemptions will be good so far as I know - It will organize a new system, however, which will bear very hard on the people & make them look back to our operations with longings for their return -

I have never received the statements of the Cotton exempted for King & Co - If I could rely upon you to send me the statement I want I can give you a letter to Maj Cabell at Clinton which will allow all your Cotton to pass - No general permit will pass it, but I will undertake to give you a letter that will do it provided I can get the proper information from you - Say - When you receive any Cotton from Abolitionists for account of King & Co. put down the following particulars -

Name of Party from whom purchased - Total number of Bales & pounds - Bales & pounds of each classification
 Send this statement to me without fail every

time you receive Coston & it will be my voucher
to issue exemptions on.

If you will agree to do this, write me & I will
send you the permit letter - Hereafter I will
be responsible to Maj. Cabell for Exemptions
bearing the shipments made by King & Co. & I
will depend upon your good statements -

Begin by sending me statements of the 15th
& say Bile late -

I return you the list of negroes with my
certificate of fact - The Labor Bureau is not
doing business now, & I do not know where
to report the paper for the details - As
I understand the law, you, as Enrolling
Officers have only to report them to the
Commandant of Negro Labor as already
in the Govt service, & the numbers will
be credited on the owners quota -

As they are now on my rolls please be
careful that they are not employed in
any other than Govt business -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. C. Cabell

Co. G. 1st Regt.
Capt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Vies
 Houston Oct 12. 1864

Capt R. King,
 Matagorda.

Sir.

ack contents.

I have your favor of 9th inst &

Ward has accepted to me for 106 b, C - Sept 24.

I now have here 86 Bales which I will
 send to Mr. Adair by Friday's train if the RR
 will take it.

I have not seen Brady yet. Mills had Cotton
 in Matagorda County, previous to your contract,
 which was covered by exemptions from this
 Office - This included Burham 50 Bales & the
 Hillman crop.

Since the date of your
 contract he has purchased 15 Bales from E.D.
 Jones & 5 Bales from Judge Galbraith. He says
 he told J.H. Gibson to take half of it.

I applied to day for an order for improvement
 of Mrs. Duncan's Cotton - 1000 Bales -

Very respectfully

Wm. B. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Agr. & Mech.
 Houston Oct 12. 1864
 Geo. Witting Esq.
 High St. Kleibon Co.
 Alleyton,

Sir -

I have your favor of 11th inst.
 covering receipt for 250 B. Cotton
 delivered by Gt. S. D. Gaste in Houston
 County. I have added the three
 missing weights in the Stercus lot, and
 now enclose you the Exemption,

say -

#154 - In Kleibon Co. - 250 B. - 126. 153 lb.

Very respectfully
 Yours
 L. G. Mills
 Capt.

Leatham Bureau, Oct 12. 1864
 Major A. S. Cabell, Cpn.
 Lexington.

Major.

I have the honor to enclose my Certificate of Exemption No. 135 - for 250 Bales Leatham - Oct 12 1864 the favor of Ball Hutchings & Co, which you will please file in line of my letter of Sept 15 64 - As the letter is now of no service please return it to me.

I have given Ball Hutchings & Co similar letters to cover deliveries of
 100 Bales from Bastrop County - S. Reynolds, Cpl.
 250 " " " do do
 250 " " " Fayette County - A. W. Haison, Cpl.
 The two letters dated Oct 6 64 - I will furnish you with the official certificates as soon as I can get a description of marks & weights from our Agents -

Very respectfully

Yrs adl sub

C. C. Kelly

Capt & Acty Chf.

If you do not object, Major, I will hand your report of the female raid upon the East Leatham, to the Leasing of the telegraph - Leaving out names of parties it will prove very acceptable to him & his readers -

I suppose you are taking measures to cover the loss in some way - Affidavits from the parties present, together with a report to the C. S. Dist Atty will probably make a good voucher to Abol to

Custom Bureau Texas & Co's Dep.
Houston October 3rd 1864

Wholly certify that the Schooner "Uncle Mills" Captain S. D. and crew lying at Houston and bound for Tampico is laden with Cotton received from the Custom Bureau as payment of Army supplies imported by R. D. G. Mills and sold to S. E. H. H. H. 27th 1864. for the use of the Confederate States.

Supplies	33 Bales exp. 15223.
Exp.	25.....2569
	22.....9871.
	<u>Sum 80 Bales. exp 37663 pds.</u>

James S. S. S.
Collector of Customs

C. J. Wells
Captain & Agent
Acty. Chf

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 12. 1864

Admiral R. G.
Columbiana

Sir
Enclosed please find receipt of cash paid to
you by R. G. Gault for 1000 lbs and receipt
of 469, for 23 Bales Cotton. and your
instructions from Mr. Davidson - which please
hand to Gault -

Very Respectfully
Yours Svt
C. G. Wells

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 23. 1864

Admiral R. G.
Columbiana
Care of Mr. Davidson

Sir
A copy of receipt of cash is at hand. Enclosed
find certificate of cash paid for 1000 lbs
of 469 and 23 Bales Cotton. which please
hand to Gault -

Very Respectfully
Yours Svt
C. G. Wells
Quartermaster's Office

Quartermaster's office 442

Houston Oct 12 1864 ✓

A. S. Gladish Esq

Wilmington

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst and
note contents. I have no need for any more transportation
at present having no chance, I can see. I have no
authority to grant furloughs, such can only be done
by the Genl. commanding the district.

If you will address Major
G. H. Walter at base, who is an agent of ship office
there, it is possible he can give you employment.

Very Respectfully

Yr obt Servt

G. C. Wells

Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's office

Houston Oct 13. 1864

J. A. Vadder Esq Agt

Haracota

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst with
enclosure and note contents.

Very Respectfully

Yr obt Servt

G. C. Wells

Capt & Agt

Arthur Duncan Esq. & Sons Messrs.
Houston Oct 13. 1874

Dear Sir,
Pleasant.

Sir.

I enclose Art of A. R. Campbell,
S. S. Randle - 22 N. 1st St. 1874.

I return your copy of Receipts & 16-
A. R. Campbell, for correction - Is it for
2 or 5 Dollars? Notice the difference
between the margin & the body of the copy -

Very respectfully
Yours
A. R. Campbell
Esq.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 13, 1864

Mr. Wm. Lloyd Garrison
New York

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and 2 notes
concerning the rope Mr. Young offered to dispose of in
small quantities to purchasers.

Very respectfully
Yr obt Serv
L. L. Wells

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 13, 1864

Mr. A. Masters Esq
Columbia

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and
note contents. I am ready to furnish an agent
of the 75 lbs for loading the ship Ann Eliza, but
before we can proceed any further you must consult
with James Soley the collector of the district your
declaration stating you wish for the ship, your
to sea, and otherwise comply with the acts of Congress.
Your vessel is subject to
confiscation if you load cotton before obtaining
Mr. Soley's permit.

Very respectfully
Yr obt Serv
L. L. Wells
Capt. W. A. G.

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 13. 1864

W. H. C. C. C.

Honorable

I enclose find certified as in your favor dated
and with for \$ 60.00 and exemption from for on
order of the

Very truly

Yours

C. G. Mills

Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's Office

Houston Oct 13. 1864

J. F. Russell Esq.

St. Louis

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and
note contents. The certified as and exemption in your
favor as are inclosed and handed to Mr. Wright
for delivery to you before the reception of your
certificate, and are, I apprehend are this in
your hands.

Very truly

Yours

C. G. Mills

Capt & Agt

Cotton Bureau, Capt. James H. Hiss.
Houston, Oct. 13. 1864

Mr. H. Shirley Esq
Anderson.

Sir.

I have your favor of 11th inst & note contents.

As I have no notice that your transportation is to be used by King & Co. I must decline giving the protection you require.

Capt. A. B. Borge at Jefferson can inform you whether transportation is wanted in North Eastern Texas.

Any Cotton contracted for with me in Eastern Texas I want delivered at Galveston or other points on the Rail road. A contract can be made to transport a given quantity to the Rio Grande & there divide with Govt.

If you must employ your trains to haul Wheat, please correspond with Maj Charles Russell Cdr. at San Antonio. He is Off. of Transportation for the Division and will make a contract with you if there is any Cotton to haul Wheat.

Very respectfully

Yours at

Dr. G. H. Hiss

Capt & Acty. of.

R.S. Willis - Sec 439 - Oct 13/64
P.S.

On further examination I find that
the exemption you are in search of, was
not mine - It was signed by

W. J. Hutchins, Lt. Col & Co - dated March 5 '64
under the old Texas Cotton Office -

By writing to Major Willie you can find
whether he has issued a permit or if or
not, as a list of all the old exemptions
was sent to him - It was written -
not in a printed form -

Respectfully
R. S. Willis

W. J. Hutchins

Oct 13/64

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W. J. Hutchins

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For further examination of find that
 the examination you are in receipt of, was
 not mine - it was signed by
 W. B. Whitchurch, W. B. Whitchurch -
 under the old name Boston Office -
 By writing to Mr. Whitchurch you can find
 whether he has received a favor or not
 not, as a list of all the old examinations
 was sent to him - it was written -
 - and I am sure it is true.

W. B. Whitchurch

For Exam Office
 Boston Oct 15 1893

W. B. Whitchurch
 Boston

Also shipped you a copy

train

14 Oct. Boston R.R. 12:45 pm
 please forward receipt for same to this office

Very Respectfully
 W. B. Whitchurch
 W. B. Whitchurch

✓ Quartermaster of the

✓ Haulover Oct 14, 1864

✓ left to H. May and

✓ I submit it to your

✓ I hope the honor is request the

✓ Private M. D. Halsey. Company 5. 1st. Maine Regt.

The services of Private Halsey
are important to the Haulover Bureau for the transpor-
tation of government stores.

Please order him to report
to me for assignment to duty.

Very Respectfully
your obt. Servt

Capt & a son
and duty in the same

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[Faint handwritten text]

[Extensive faint handwritten text, mostly illegible]

Adrianus Esq
Amsterdam

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 14, 1864

I am in receipt of yours of 13th inst requesting
exemption from of 50¢ Bap. and note enclosed.

The rules governing this office
requires the certificate of the agent who receives the money
before exemption can be issued. I send forward the proper
certificate and I will at once issue the proper exemption
on it.

Very Respy
Yr obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agm

Mr. F. Campbell Esq
Bastrop

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 14, 1864

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 8th inst and
note contents. Capt John B. Subbark has been
notified to this office as agent of King's Co at
Bastrop. I have already detailed to Capt Subbark
all the transportation he or you can have any use
for. See Capt's -

Very Respy
Yr obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agm

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 14, 1864

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✓
Mr. E. H. Egert
Houston

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst. enclosing
check of \$1000 and note contents.

Please continue to act
as agent until Mr. Miller's return and qualified.

Very Respy
Yours Sert
L. G. Wells

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct. 14, 1864

Mr. H. Faison Esq. agt
Lafayette

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst. enclosing
report of cotton purchased to Dept. and note on
cents. A relation is also of the Bloomfield cotton pick
by you. Have the cotton shipped and then send me the
weights of the bales, and a statement of the freight &
cost paid by you and cost of shipping &c. and I will
make up vouchers and pay you.

I will enclose receipts to
Maj. Bloomfield for the amt. of cotton you get out
of the lot.

Very Respy
Yours Sert
L. G. Wells
Capt & a 2nd

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 20. 1864

Mr. J. M. Smith Esq
Huntsville

Sir I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst
and make answer.

It would afford me much
pleasure to oblige you and grant your request
but it is in contravention to the rules of this office, that
is never deviated from. I only issue exemption cases
on the certificate of the agent who received the
cotton. If the agent sees fit to issue the certificate
before the cotton has been delivered to him - I will
issue the proper exemption on it and hold him respon-
sible for consequence.

Very Resp
yrs obt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & a genl

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 14. 1864

S. A. Vadder Esq Agt
Harassid

Be.
I enclose in drawing drafts for freight
for you to trace in them in addition to what you
now put in them. Where the cotton was hauled
to the name of the teamster who transported it
and to whom the cotton transported belongs.

This is necessary to enable us
to keep matters straight.

Very Resp
yours
L. G. Wells
Capt & a 2nd

Castro Bureau kept from Miss
Doubtless Oct 10. 1864

I have the honor to acknowledge
receipt of your favor of 24th inst. in regard
to the aff. of Tinnage by the John George
Doubtless - I have no present
control of the Gov. Cotton in war district,
I have forwarded to Mr. H. C. Cabell
the District Officer in charge at Clinton
Miss. Family, your letter together with
your instructions how to proceed. He
will accept or reject the offer by letter
to you. In the former case Mr. H.
Doubtless at Victoria will be
instructed to supply the Cotton & give
the necessary receipts. The
policy of the Gov. being to ship Cotton and
other supplies abroad. Major Cabell cannot
otherwise than supply the Cotton -
Your correspondence with him may effect
arrangements by which the duties can be
performed with more convenience to
both yourself & the shipper or owners of
vessels, therefore -

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. C. Cabell
Capt. U.S. Army

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. C. Cabell
Capt. U.S. Army

Letter Bureau Dept Trade Affairs,
 Houston, Oct 14. 1864.

Major A. S. Coakley C.M.
 Clinton.

Major.

I have the honor to enclose letter from Col^l John
 H. Stapp Victoria, Co. 10th. in reference to
 shipments of Govt Cotton by sea. Trusting
 you will receive the following remarks as items
 of information, & not as an interference in your
 district & leave the honor to state.

1st. Until an Officer of the Treasury Department
 is appointed to superintend shipments of Cotton and
 Govt Stores, it is the duty of this Bureau to
 supply the Cotton. As Victoria is in your district
 Mr. Coakley should be instructed to supply the
 Cotton whenever he is officially notified by the
 Collector that the law has been complied with.

2nd. The Cotton thus shipped must be consigned
 to Col. C. S. Nelson, C. S. Land. Agt at Havana,
 for re-shipment to Major Innes at St. John,
 N. H. The vessel arrives at any other
 port than Havana, re-shipment must be made
 from there to Havana. The Bills of Lading,
 as per your enclosed (it is unclear for re-shipment)
 will be your vouchers for the Cotton. The
 bills being and by you as vouchers to the
 one mailed to the Consignee ahead & the
 rest by the ship.

In addition to the Bill of Lading, you should write
 a Bill of Sale by two channels, advising time of
 shipment, stating Dates pounds & marks - the
 name of vessel & master - & probable port of
 arrival.

Some measures have been adopted here, and
 pursued for some months - This vessel is the
 first that has ever been offered to visit in the
 district of Salonia, as the bulk of the shipments
 are from Calcutta - It is now your duty
 either to accept the offer or decline it in writing
 to Collector Stapp - When I tell you that the
 favorite policy of the Govt is to ship Cotton
 & some supplies abroad - and that the Bill
 of Lading is a good voucher to give, I hardly
 think you will hesitate -

I write Collector Stapp to day that the
 matter has been placed in your hands as
 belonging wholly to your District, and I
 trust you will find it convenient to forward
 the entire thing to him -

I have the honor to be, Sir,

Very respectfully

Yr obt. servt

C. C. Wall

Capt. V. P. O.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Oct 6, 1864

Major A. S. Cabell Q. M.
Clinton.

Major.

I am now paying to Ball, Hutchings & Co. at San Antonio, through Mr. Sherman Reynolds the local agent of this Office (150) Two Hundred and fifty Bales Cotton, in addition to the 100 Bales named in my letter of this date.

To prevent the delay consequent upon the routine of sending notification to this Office, and the issue of my exemption in regular form, I propose to file this letter with you as evidence that the Cotton is being paid by Govt.

Upon this you will please issue a permit for each lot of Cotton as presented to you, covered by a Bill of Lading from Mr. Reynolds, showing the Cotton described to be a portion of the 250 Bales. To the extent of 250 Bales you will be secure. You can notify me at any time to send you my official certificate of exemption covering any specified number of Bales already paid by Govt.

I do not issue the exemption in advance of delivery, as I cannot describe the lots of Cotton as they may be shipped, and I trust you will feel authorized to facilitate the movement of the Cotton as suggested above.

Very respy yours
C. S. Wells
Capt. Agn.
Adj. Chf.

Post Office Bureau Dept. Texas
 Houston Oct. 14. 1864.
 Sherman Reynolds Esq. Lt.
 Post Office.

Sir,

I have your favor of 11th inst.
 I now enclose a permit letter to Major Cabell
 at Clinton, covering the 200 Bales for which
 the last order was given to Ball Hatching & Co.
 This you will have to file with Maj. Cabell
 to ensure the safe passage of the cotton - When
 you send me a statement of the 100 & 200 Bale
 lots delivered I will send my Exemption
 ticket to Maj. Cabell to substitute for the
 letters - A letter to Gonzales would do
 you no good - Maj. Willie at San Antonio
 & Maj. Cabell, at Clinton, are the only Officers
 who can issue permits - The permits in this
 case must be obtained from Maj. Cabell, as
 this office is nearest the road the cotton
 will go -

The papers for the 100 Bales go to
 you in another enclosure - The Baggage
 Receipts sent you you will please see
 as you deliver Bagging & Rope & send them
 back to me signed - I write again
 to San Antonio for Rope for you & trust
 the affair will be assumed this time -

Very respectfully,
 C. G. Wells
 Capt & Actg. Asst.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Oct 14, 1862
 W. H. Perkins Esq,
 Co. S. 1st Cavalry
 Matamoros, Mexico.

Sir,

I have this day drawn on you
 at 3¹/₂ per cent John Black for \$249.⁴²
 being one half the value of 9 Bales cotton
 purchased of him. Please honor
 the draft on presentation.

ac neceps

J. G. Wells

Co. G. 1st Regt.

Capt & Adj. Gen.

Houston Oct 14. 1864.

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Capt J.C. Swickel;

San Antonio, Texas.

Capt -

Nothing harder for troubling you
so much, I must again beg you to
send some bagging & rope to Agents -
Reynolds at Bastrop & Harrell at
La Grange - If you cannot do
better send rope alone to Reynolds.
Avoid Kentucky rope if possible -
The bulk of it is not worth freight -

Very truly

Yr obt serv

C. C. Wells

Capt & Agent

Actg. Secy.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Houston Oct 14. 1864

\$249 42

New currency

Dear John Black & Co, I enclose, Two
hundred and forty nine \$2.00 dollars in new
currency - being one half the value of 1 Bale Cotton
procured by me - payable when new currency
is received by this office, on an demand in
old currency at its legal discount -

\$374 13 if in 3

Old currency 3

C. C. Wells

Capt & Agent

Actg. Secy.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 14. 1864 -

Three days after sight of this I wish of
Exchange (second unpaid) pay to the order
of John Black Two hundred and forty
nine \$200 dollars in coin, - being one half
the value of 9 Bales Cotton purchased of him -
and charge the same to Official account of

C. C. Gills

Capt Ragnie

Adg. Clk.

To J. H. Perkins Esq

C. S. Commr. U.S.

Matamoros Mexico.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 14. 1864

Three days after sight of this Second of
Exchange (first unpaid) pay to the order of
John Black, Two hundred and forty nine
\$200 dollars in coin, - being one half the value
of 9 Bales Cotton purchased of him, - and charge
the same to Official account of

C. C. Gills

Capt Ragnie

Adg. Clk.

To J. H. Perkins Esq

C. S. Commr. U.S.

Matamoros, Mexico.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans Miss.
Houston, Oct 14. 1864

S. Reynolds Esq. Apr
Bastrop.

Sir,

I have your favor of 11th Inst & now
enclose Cert ofc & Exemptions -

Sh. B. J. Hill	20 B/c	\$125.62
Nathan Williams	1 "	82.50
Moses Gage	10 "	568.25
Julia Hill	4 "	168.15
Henry Crochman	3 "	140.98
S. W. Ravaston	12 "	669.53
Geo. Edlin	5 "	229.24
H. L. Rector	3 "	192.01
R. H. Oliver	18 "	989.80
Joseph Gage	2 "	112.10

also,

Cert ofc John Black - \$498.04

My duplicate draft on H. W. Perkins

C. S. Council Apr at Habamoras

for amt due in coin

\$249.42

My due Bill - new currency -

249.42

The two latter you will not surrender unless
John Black signs the voucher - When signed
please return to me - If he declines taking
the draft & due Bill, return them to me
but him retain the voucher -

Very respy yours &c

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Ady. Gen.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Nacaton, Oct 14. 1864

John Holston Dep. Asst.
Allegan.

Sir -

I have your favor of 12th Aug. And have contents,
Buy enough of Fairbanks' Bagging to fill up the
Balance of money overpaid him - Buy at 30¢
if you can - You must take care that it is
as good to us at the price as good Bagging is
at the full price.

I enclose Certified Account & Exemptions -

Mrs. Allen	12 R/C	\$581.43
J. R. Brooks	7 "	713.11
A. H. Campbell	19 "	664.09

My bailiff is in charge of Capt Harris Sub
District - My letter about Mr Brooks Cotton
went through H. J. C. He has probably
thought proper to wait for the exemption
before passing the Cotton -

Very respectfully

J. R. Allen

Co. E. 11th

Capt Co

Citizen Bureau, Sept 2nd 1864
Houston, Oct 14. 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq. At
Huntsville

Sir.

I have your favor of 12th. but note contents.
I now enclose list of 8 Exemptions

Mr. H. Jenkins	10 Ac -	\$440.06
Mr. G. Cleveland	15 "	951.03
Mr. H. Cleveland	2 "	
"	20 "	
"	15.33 Ac -	1692.13

Major A. S. Cabell Com. is the District Officer
at Lebanon. His position is the same as
Major Rountree's in your district, with
this difference, that he represents Major Wallie
and issues his permits for all the Cattle
going by the lower roads - San Antonio
& Clinton are the only points where the
permits can be obtained -

Very respy

Wm. H. Wallie
Capt. Co. G. 11th Ky. Inf.

Castro Brown Sept 1864
 Haverhill, Oct 12, 1864

Mr. H. Fairbank Esq
 La Grange.

Sir.

I have your favor of 11th & do not state
 contents.

I now enclose Art. 1 & 2 of the
 Joseph's Journal - 1 of 1864 - 1 of 1865.

I send you some Bagging & Rope at last.
 It will be at Haverhill by Monday night.
 As Col Brown knows of this shipment
 he will probably have someone there
 to receive it. I intended sending
 you 15 Bales Bagging & an equivalent
 of Rope - but as what we have received
 is over & liable to damage I must keep
 it until it can be dried & saved. I
 send you only 8 Bales Bagging and
 8 Coils Rope - but will send more in
 a few days.

Very respectfully

Yours at
 C. C. Kelly

Castro.

✓
 Eastern Marine Office
 Jamaica Oct 15. 1864

✓
 Mr. J. J. Book
 Shaftesbury Hall

✓
 I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and not con-
 sidering Mr. J. J. Book our agent at Shaftesbury and in
 whose district your country is situated will supply you
 with rope as soon as it is practicable for him to do so.

It has been heretofore impossible
 to keep up an adequate supply of B & R rope, but we
 have now chartered a steamer to bring in a full cargo
 of these articles and should she fortunately arrive
 in safe it will be in our power to supply all who
 are entitled.

We let the agents supply all parties from whom
 they purchase as it is impossible for us to distribute
 bagging rope from this point.

I advise Mr. Book and he
 can advise you when he will be able to supply your
 demands.

Very Respy.
 Geo. B. Book
 Geo. B. Book
 Capt & Co

See in above app in
 Houston Oct 15. 11.4

Dear Mr. Hamilton Esq
 Houston

Sir

On the 26th of July last I forwarded you a letter
 from R. E. Threllin on his wife's behalf to be delivered to you at
 Grapewick Hall by Peter Hamilton. The letter is enclosed.

We have never received any
 answer about this matter. Please, as soon as practicable,
 if you have received this letter, if forwarded by you,
 let me know what it will do for the matter.

Very truly
 your obdt. Servt
 R. E. Threllin
 Grapewick Hall

Cotton Bureau Dept. Ins. & Ins.
Houston, Oct 14. 1884

Ben Storer Esq. Cfr
Brenham,

Sir,

I have your favor of 12th inst & note contents -

I did not believe you had purchased damaged Bagging. My informant had Bagging & Rope for sale himself, and to induce a better trade for his own, named the price you had paid for damaged Bagging -

I now enclose Cert of Exemptions

H. G. Lantou	5 B/C	\$550.00
H. G. Lantou	#	442.20
E. J. Randle	22	2964.90
J. H. Grissett	17	2180.00

Of the lot of 22 Bales Randle Cotton received here Oct 18th there was one Bale deficient.

I try to make these parties give the Govt an average of their Cotton - they are too prone to throwing off their poor Cotton as all

Very truly

Yours

C. E. Wells

Capt. &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss.

Mountain, Oct 15. 1864

E. C. Allen Esq Capt -
Missouri.

Sir.

I have your favor of 18th but covering
Mr. Dethen's proposition which I return to you
together with a copy of my letter to him of 4th
last.

I cannot make the contract with Mr Dethen
as proposed - The change which will soon
take place in the Govt Cotton business will
give the Govt the use of half his Cotton without
a contract - If I make a contract with
him now, he will have all the advantages, as it
will protect his Cotton to the Rio Grande, &
he may where he gets there choose not to deliver
on the ground that the contract was not legal
and binding - I do not say he would do so -
but I cannot take the risk -

I enclose my proposition to him in my
letter of this date - If he accepts it well &
good - If not let this be the end of it -

Very respy

Yr abt cof
A. C. Kelly
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston. Oct 15. 1864.

L. J. McCreary Esq
Millican.

Sir -

Mr Keer has forwarded your proposition to transport 1000 Bales of your extra Cotton to the Rio Grande, to be divided with Govt tax. You to be paid in new currency at 25¢ for the Govt the half retained by Govt, and specie freight on same at 1¢ per lb. for 100 miles from point of departure - Being a repetition or renewal of your contract for 100 Bales, at San Antonio, July 28th 1864 -

I must decline it on some terms - You have the Cotton in eight counties - If you will contract with the Agents of those counties to take over half the Cotton to them where it now is, on the general terms of the office you will probably secure to yourself the benefit of an exemption authorizing you to export your own half without any of the restrictions imposed by the new Regulations - The contract must be made, however, before the Regulations are published - If you do not accept this proposition you will have to take your chances under the new order of things.

Very respectfully

Yours etc

L. G. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 15. 1864

John Ewing Esq
Diago Bottoia, Barleson County -

Sir.

I have your favor of 12th inst, asking for
exemption for three wagons and negro drivers
to haul cotton for Government.

By authority from Repd Hd Qrs all wagons
teams & drivers engaged in transporting
Govt. cotton - or over cotton exempted
by this office - are exempt from molestation
and imprisonment -

The cotton & bill of lading will be
your protection during the trip, and you
will not need any special exemption -

Very respy

Yours truly
C. S. Wells

Capt & Acty. of.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston Oct 25. 1884.

H. W. Towner Esq Cyfr
La Grange

Sir

In your statement of 300 B.C. shipped to
J. C. Finichell the following entry appears -
July 25 - J. L. Gay -

CT. 2 - 11025

CT. 3 - 1509 1534 - Helian (negro) 5.

There is no certificate (agent's receipt) of this Cotton
on file in this office - It is also left out of
your general statement of cottons & Sept 1884
Please explain it.

Of the 300 B.C. shipped to Finichell
I have B. Lading for only 300 - Please
send me the missing ones or duplicates.
As the Bills of Lading show only the class
marks & do not give the vendors' name
I cannot tell you which lots exactly are
yet to be represented by Bills of Lading.

The mention of the vendors' name hereafter
as descriptive of the lot will aid us very
much in our records of the disposition
of the Cotton -

Very respectfully

Yours etc

C. G. Welch
Capt re

Cotton Bureau, Dept Home Miss.
 Houston, Oct 15. 1864 - 11
 W. F. Garrison Esq. 11th - 11th
 New York.

Sir -

Mr. Percy (Cotton Clerk) desires to know
 how many Bales Cotton you have shipped to
 Capt. Snickell at San Antonio - He
 makes the total number 409 Bales - Is
 the right?

Of this number he has Bills of Lading,
 from you for only 300 Bales. Please send
 me the missing bills or duplicates - As
 the Bills of Lading show only the class marks
 & do not give the vendors name, I cannot
 tell you which lots exactly are yet to be
 represented by Bills of Lading. The
 insertion of the vendors name hereafter,
 as descriptive of the lot will aid us very
 much in our record of the disposition of
 the Cotton.

Very respectfully

Wm. L. Wells
 Capt.

Miss Carter office
 Newton Oct 14 1864

Mr. John C.
 Newton.

I hope you are on the way
 train for N. W. Union, Lagrange
 is out Monday night arriving 11:05
 a late late morning
 on the 14th 3
 I have had it submitted to his order and found
 his receipt for same to the office.
 I will try and ship on Monday train some
 more Diggins and hope for some party, if it
 comes in on the evening train

Very Respectfully
 C. H. McCallister
 Plummer

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Soc. Sec.
Houston, Oct 15. 1864

Dear Genl.

I have your favor of 12th Inst & thank you for your prompt compliance with my request. I will try to make the exemption bill. I will have to settle, however, according to the schedule prices at the time the individual was created. Our customers are too cheap to lose sight of the difference between schedules & we have accounts open with the most of them at the old, the middle & the new schedules. However, where I can get it in at 10%. I will.

I do not think it is absolutely ^{necessary} for you to come to Houston while you have important calls elsewhere. Things can wait here until you get through. I wish, however, that you were at Marshall. The Cotton Bureau ought to be strongly represented there. If you could have arrived a week earlier I think you might have happened at Marshall, by accident, in time to do some good.

Since Col. Ketchum left I have seen his appointed instructions from Richmond. He is not inclined to accept but I have made up my mind that he will be induced

The instructions in short are these -
 The Bureau is placed under the Treasury Dept &
 confided to Calhoun under orders from Judge
 Gray - Cotton is to be bought with \$20,000,000 -
 new issue if possible - If not Judge Gray is to
 draw \$500,000 a month to be sold & the Cotton
 bought at Specie prices with the proceeds - All
 Cotton to be shipped direct to Foreign Markets
 & Co. Liverpool for immediate sale - proceeds to
 be placed at credit of Judge Gray - No sales
 to be made at intermediate points except to
 cover expenses of forwarding the Cotton - No
 purchases of Supplies to be made here - Supplies
 to be purchased in America & forwarded to
 points convenient for shipment through the
 blockade - All contracts based on
 old regulations to be carried out by
 applying the Cotton now belonging to the
 War Dept. - Genl Smith instructed by
 Secy of War to acquire Cotton if it can be
 be bought - but this is qualified by the
 expression of an unwillingness to do so
 under any circumstances short of actual
 necessity & deprecating it in any event -
 So we are emphatically of the spirit -
 I do not feel at all sanguine about the
 successful operation of the new Regulations.

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The copies are already circulating and are favorable to our Bureau - and I can now anticipate some change by the next Congress.

The President has yielded to popular demand and he will probably change the present arrangements to suit this view.

I am very solicitous about all this. I do not want to go into the new arrangement. If it is proposed to put me into it can I avoid it? - Please tell me -

You may or may not be included in the new ~~organization~~ ^{organization}. If you are not it will be because you decline it - If you retire now you go out with considerable credit for your share done more with our resources than I ever thought anyone could make of time. & as we are paying tolerably well our creditors will always contract the organization with its judiciousness (occasional) favorably to your administration - Upon the whole I believe it is an individual benefit to be reaped from it now - Later on it might begin to drag & carry us as deep in debt as the others -

Very respectfully

W. G. Wells

Genl. H. B. Brewster
Austin -

1st
792⁰⁰ coin

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 15. 1864.

Three days after sight of this Draft of Exchange -
(Second unpaid) pay to the order of W. H. Payne Esq.
Ninety two ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars in coin being one half the
value of three Balabastons purchased of him - and charge
same to Official account of.

To W. H. Perkins Esq.
C. S. Commr. Genl.
Matamoros, Mexico.

C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Acty. Clk.

2nd
792⁰⁰ coin

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 15. 1864.

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(First unpaid) pay to the order of W. H. Payne Esq.
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C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Acty. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Houston, Oct 15. 1864

H. H. Perkins Esq.

C. S. Commercial Apt.

Matamoros -

Sir -

I have this day drawn on you at
3/4 for H. H. Payne for \$92.40 being half
the cost of 2 Bales cotton purchased of him -
Please honor the dft on presentation -

Very respy

(per order of)

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

City. Clk.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss

Houston, Oct 15. 1864

\$92.40

New currency

Due H. H. Payne, Twenty two
1/2 dollars in new currency - being one half the
value of three Bales cotton purchased of him - Payable
when new currency is received at this Office, or
on demand in old currency at its legal discount,

\$92.40 if in
old currency }

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

City. Clk.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 17, 1864

✓
Eugene J. Janick Esq
Bundam

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and note contents. The application & support you refer to for 192 Sars bottom for Janick & Smith was forwarded to F. W. Cunningham on the 2nd inst -

Very Resp
Wm. S. S. S.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 17, 1864

✓
F. B. Bailey Esq Rgt
Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of your two orders of the 10th inst enclosing left for Sept and note contents. I am in hopes to supply your wants.

Before the winter rains set in.

The regulations prevent the detail of party from the army for waggon master, & details for such purposes must be from the reserve corps, or unassigned conscript.

In regard to supplies the govt needs, everything thing in common use is in demand.

Very Resp
Wm. S. S. S.
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 17 1864

F. J. Cook Esq Capt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of your two letters of the 13th inst and make comments. I have no authority to subscribe for the govt for any purpose, and cannot ratify of any subscription for the benefit of the Post office at Hempstead. I have no discretion in the expenditure of money. Should I enter such a charge on my papers they would be respectfully returned with the remark that it was the business of the Post office debt to keep up the mail, and that I had exceeded my authority, and instruct me to expunge the charge.

Your last report concurred
advising of the 20 Bk you refer to purchased of Mr.
K. Johnston.

Do not refer parties here for
B & R we will as often as practicable and in such
quantities as possible forward you bagging & rope -
and let you make the distribution of it. It is impossible
for us to distribute from this point.

We have no authority to
sell B & R but only to supply it under the rules of this
office. You will therefore please return to Mr.
Perkins the money you obtained from him, and if
he is entitled to B & R you can supply him when you
can do, and you think it advisable and then to be
his receipt for the quantity you furnish him.

Yours very truly
Wm B. Wilson

✓
J. D. Vetter Esq agt
Hawesboro

Quartermasters office
Hawesboro Oct 17. 1864

Sir

✓
I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst and note
contents. Enclosed find certified as per
Capt E. S. March for 1999⁰⁰ and exemption no 504 for
J. Bates' son.

Very Resp. yr obt servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

✓
L. S. Manning Esq agt
Barnes Plains

Quartermasters office
Hawesboro Oct 14 1864

Sir

✓
I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst and
note contents. Enclosed find certified as per
Capt W. Brown. dated Oct 12th for \$ 2332⁰⁰ and exemption
no 507 for J. S. Blanton.

Very Resp. yr obt servt
Capt & agt

Quartermaster's office
Haverton Oct 17, 1864

W. H. Johnson Esq
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th inst
and make returns.

I did not intend that the order
in favor of Ball's Regiment should take precedence
over all others. It would perhaps be well to file
these and others together.

Capt Brown informs us
he will soon visit the upper part of the country.

I will apply for the
detail of the negro of J. E. Winborne as requested, but
doubt very much getting him.

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
Capt A. G. M.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 17 1864

Capt. H. McKen
Commandant Regt Labor
Dist 14th Ind

Captain

I have the honor to request the detail
of -

Negro Boy "Green" 20 yrs old, 6 ft high, black
color, black eyes, black hair, and belonging
to J. E. Hinton of Fort Bend County.

This negro has been conscripted
by order of Maj J. L. Thomas, Co. 1st Regt Texas
and is now at Camp Greer - and his services are
important to the Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans Miss.
for the transportation of government cotton.

Please order him to report
to me for assignment to duty.

Very Respy
Yr Obedt Servt

Light & sign
on duty in Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans Miss.
Houston Oct 27. 1864

Mr. H. Gibson Esq.
Carey.

Sir,

In consequence of your representations of
the case of John Duncan, in your letter of Oct
3^d, I made an application to Dick Hd Gns.
(Hd of Gen. Walker) for an order for improvement
of 10000 Bales Cotton belonging to Duncan.

I am today in receipt of a reply of which
I send you a copy - You will note that
General Walker requires your statement
upon oath that you have offered to buy the
Cotton & Duncan has refused to sell - that
the whole amount of Cotton is a certain
number of Bales - If you will undertake
the mission I authorize you to make the
attempt to purchase - otherwise please hand
the letter, with such information as you can
give, to Mr. H. Jackson. who will act upon
it.

Very respy

Yr obt serv

C. G. Webb

Capt. H.

Frederick
Hinton Oct 14/84

At W. H. Hinton
Lagrange.

I have shipped you in
to days trial 1000 lbs. of
9 Bales of
the same to be sent
to care of the same. Subject your
order. You will please find receipt for same
to this office.
Very Respectfully
L. H. Hinton

Frederick
Hinton Oct 14/84

At W. H. Hinton
Lagrange.

I ship to you
one for At. W. H. Hinton Lagrange
5 Bales of
very fine
the same subject to order.
Very Respectfully
L. H. Hinton
Hinton

Cotton Bureau Dept Louis Miss
Houston Oct 14. 1864

From Stance Esq, Cyn
Parrish.

Sir,

I enclose vouchers of purchase and
settlement with C. J. Randle - say -

#44 - Sales 21 B/Cotton \$ 1.182.97

#144 - Exemptions 21 B/C.

#12 Bice Bagging & Rope 1.174.40

Collect Balance from him \$ 8.57

Have the two vouchers signed & returned to me -

Also Certified of Exemptions

N. G. Leampton #506 - # B/C. \$ 488.02

E. J. Randle #505 9. 711.25

W. H. Payne - no exemption - 184.79 -

In settlement of the latter of - I enclose
my draft on W. H. Perkins for \$92.40. cash

Due Bill 92.39. new currency.

These you will hand W. H. Payne - get him to sign
the Cert of Exemption of to me - If he will
not accept them in payment, return them
to me & allow him to hold the Cert of -

Very respy

C. G. Kelly

Capt. C.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 27, 1864

Stone Esq agt
Fairfield

In receipt of yours of the 12th inst and
note containing enclosed find certified as and receipt
as follows

Sept 22 from J. F. Hackett for \$100.00
" 4 " H. L. Waters " 812.61
" 17 " J. C. Stone " 1535.40
" 17 " George Keller " 147.00
Sept 20 from George Keller for 21 Bales Cotton
" 511 " J. C. Stone " 30 " "
" 512 " " " 21 " "
" 513 " H. L. Waters " 19 " "
" 514 " J. F. Hackett " 20 " "

I am not yet in funds
with new issue with which to pay certified as and
can not say when I will be. When the paper is made
I will however I will pay them in old issue
and so the amt due 50 per cent so as to make it
equal to new. This is the best I can do at present.

I will send you 250 lbs
of often and in such quantities as possible. I
will soon an adequate supply of shoe in-
portant articles. I send you statement of
the gentlemen who make this. I will send you

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Haverton, Octo. 17. 1864 -

150⁰⁰ Coin

Three days after sight of this Joint of Exch.
(Second unpaid) pay to the order of Charles Luck,
One hundred and eighty five dollars in coin -
being one half the value of Nine Bales of Cotton
purchased of him - and charge same to Official
account of

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Acty. Off.

To H. H. Perkins Esq
C. S. Commr. Agt
Matamoros, Mexico -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Haverton, Octo. 17. 1864 -

2nd
150⁰⁰ Coin

Three days after sight of this Second of
Exchange (Joint unpaid) pay to the order of Charles
Luck, one hundred and eighty five dollars in coin -
being one half the value of Nine Bales of Cotton
purchased of him - and charge same to Official
account of

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Acty. Off.

To H. H. Perkins Esq
C. S. Commr. Agt
Matamoros, Mexico -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Havana, Oct 17. 1864

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W. H. Perkins Esq
Co. S. Cavalry. Col.
Matamoros

Sir.

I have this day drawn on you a
3% favor Charles Luck, for \$180⁶²
specie, being 1/2 the value of 5 B/ Cottons
purchased of him - Please honor the
draft on presentation.

Very respectfully

G. G. Wells

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Havana, Oct 17. 1864.

\$180⁶² —

transmission

Due Charles Luck, One Hundred and
eighty six dollars in new currency - being one
half the value of five Bales Cotton purchased
of him Aug 18. 1864 - payable when new
currency is received at this Office, or on
demand in old currency at its legal dis-
count -

\$241⁰² if in
old currency

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt
Ady etc

Insurrection Office
Hagston Oct 17. 1864

Dear Sir
I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst and
in answer I have forwarded you a small supply
of ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~best~~ ^{best} ~~quality~~ ^{quality} and will supply you ~~with~~ ^{with} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~much~~ ^{much} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~you~~ ^{you} ~~require~~ ^{require} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~quantity~~ ^{quantity} and as often as is practicable
I have made arrangements by which I hope
to furnish you an adequate supply of B.P. Rope -

In particular cases where
Hagston can be immediately supplied you can
see books in use of rifles, but be sure the
books are so put on that they will hold
It is very important to receive
them here as rapidly as possible -

Enclosed please find
a bill of \$107.84 for
James Byrd -

I am not yet in funds with
reference to pay certified accounts and am unable
to pay when it will be. I can however when the parties
prefer it, pay them now in old notes and will add
one 50 percent to make it equal to new, or I can give
them James Byrd's B. S. Depository certificate under
the act of Congress to pay them new notes when the
Treasury sets places them in funds. This

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 17. 1864

Mr. W. Garrison Esq. Apt.
La Grange,

Sir.

I have your favor of 15th inst. in reference
to Chas. Luck's certified acct. You are
blaming yourself without cause as the paper
has never been sent you but was retained here
awaiting answer to some proposition previously made
to you in regard to a change in mode of payments.

At least this is my recollection without
referring to the records - I now send it

Say - Chas Luck Cent &c \$ 361.38

By Lft 0% on H. M. Perkins - in coin - 180.69

• One Bill - new currency - 180.69 -

If Mr. Luck declines accepting the draft & one
bill please return them to me - Notice the
bad pencil endorsement on back of voucher -

If he signs the voucher return it to me -

If you can advance

the money to him you

may rely upon the draft

being paid - If absolutely necessary I will

pay you the amt here on presentation within

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells

Capt &c

the on the week. but I would prefer to pay to H. M. Perkins

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 18. 1864

Major A. W. Willie L. S.
San Antonio, Tex.

Major -

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of 12th Inst. - I now
return you the list of permits granted by you
on Agents certificates - I will take up those
of J. S. Cooke, J. H. Cunningham, J. E. Haskins,
J. H. Haines & O. H. P. Chandler - Major Cabell
will take up J. H. Harris' - Col Hutchins will
take up Saunders & Co. & C. C. Kearney's -
The cert^y for Thompson, Metcalf & Co. as I recd
was a contract to transport Cotton to the Rio
Grande, to be divided there with Govt - If
it has been approved by Col Hutchins you
would be justified in filing it in lieu of
an Exemption -

Pennyroy

Wm. C. Hill

C. C. Hill

Capt. &c.

Quartermasters Office
Haverton Oct 18. 1864

✓
Jas. E. Shepard Esq
Berkham

Sir

✓
I am in receipt of yours of the 16th inst
and note contents.

I have no authority to
purchase cotton in Louisiana. Capt G. L.
Black on duty in Cotton Bureau at Shreve-
port, has jurisdiction over the cotton you
refer to and will give you all information
you require.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. V. Wells
Capt & Agt

Houston Oct 18, 1864

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E. Nichols Esq
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th inst
and note contents. Col Perkins is absent which will
account for your letter to him having remained
unanswered. We do not wish to make any contract
like the one you propose. If you wish to
turn over cotton under the plan of the Cotton
Bureau, we are ready to receive it any time before
the President Regulations are officially published.

Very Respy

Yr obt Svt

L. L. Wells

Capt & Gen

Quartermasters Office

Houston Oct 18, 1864

Sherman Reynolds Esq agt
La Grange

Sir

Enclosed find the following certified ac
and the options.

Certified ac dated Oct 15 for John Fawcett for \$ 648.21

" " " " 15 " J. L. Wilson " 1563.83

" " " " 15 " W. L. Wilson " 165.06

Exemption \$507 for W. L. Wilson for 1 Bale Cotton

" " 516 " J. L. Wilson " 10 " "

" " 575 " John Fawcett " 9 " "

Very Respy

Yr obt Svt

L. L. Wells

Houston Oct 18. 1864

Dear B. H. Grace.

West Spring

Dear,

I find that the Army Mail formerly
carried by Mr. Adams Kotters special
messengers has been discontinued - I
have therefore sent the letter by the Express
mail, through the Post Office Department.
I return you the \$10 - left with me to
pay the charges -

Very respectfully

signed with

C. G. Phelps

Letter addressed

James E. Phillips. Lt. Col. G.

12th Va. Infantry

Wahones Piquette

Anderson's Division

A. P. Mills Corps,

Army Northern Va -

Oct 5. 1864 -

Dear Mother -

I have the enclosed letter from
 it to you - if you could I would like
 to know if you make a minute of the
 points in which it is attached to - keeps
 it to yourself as it is sent me in
 confidence -

I have heard of the Liberator is sold
 at 25c to 50c - I have seen about 20 sold now

The whole is 1/2 - I cannot have
 anything to do with the shipment of it
 at 25c - we should not have a cent of it
 to - as a matter of course I cannot
 give it to a person who is not

one of our own people - I will have it shipped
 at 25c - You need not be any more

troubled, however what you receive
 it - I am sure I should like to

would have to make the same thing
 for the Railroad for your own eyes

I am sure at all times - You don't
 see his people as it always would

be paid as it would follow the Liberator
 I am yours

Yours truly
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison

Hanover, Oct 11. 1844.

Capt A. D. McDonald

Hanover

Capt.

I acknowledge Sept 29th your
 'Susan' & 'Zephine' - I have since your
 kind letter of 24th Sept. to which I replied
 in a short note for 'Zephine' - Accept
 my thanks for your information about my
 family -

I enclose you a statement of the Cotton
 you are in statement of your account -
 100 bales - I would be glad to assist you

in exporting it, but my position as an officer
 of the Govt. renders it impossible for me to
 have anything to do with shipments of Cotton for
 private account - As you mention the name
 of J. C. Adams & Co. Alington, I have written
 them your wishes, & they will forward the Cotton
 to George Pettig & Co. as you desire. Their
 charges will follow the Cotton as stated in
 your letter -

I have no charges to make, if I had
 I have done nothing to entitle me to them.
 As for Commission there will be none to
 pay until it gets away from here -

I write you a duplicate of this to Hatanonah
 as requested -

Yours very truly
 C. C. Kelly

Haustown, Oct 11. 1854
 Messrs J. C. Baldwin & Co.
 Allegheny
 Gent.

Your Press will ship you
 six Fridays train 104 By Cotton & Co.
 for shipment to Drage, Betting & Co.
 Matamoros, for acct of John McDonald.
 The shipment is made at the request
 of Capt McDonald, who desires the
 charges, including Wolatons' Press chgs,
 to follow the Cotton. You will
 please advise Drage, Betting & Co, accordingly
 enclosing McDonald's letter, sent you
 a few days ago, to them - make my
 name & interest your own - Capt
 McDonald thought I would undertake
 to manage the business for him, but
 I prefer not to have my name in any
 private business -

The Cotton has been paid to him by
 the Cotton Bureau, & my Exemption is
 enclosed herewith.

Very respectfully
 J. Abbott
 Co. & Kelly

Wm. Hamilton Esq. 24. 1864.
 My dear Mr. Hamilton
 Havana

Dear Sir - I have your favor of 22nd. and
 thank you for the notice of my letter for the ne-
 cessity it gives me. I felt so sure you would write
 that your letter seemed to come as a matter of course. I
 think I have every reason to believe that my family are to
 be all in safety. Sending for money away would be much
 to ruin as we can get it returned in application to the
 Bank of England. If it does not get it, it would make
 any possible difference. Please send the enclosed
 soon as you can.

I have just received a check from the Cuban ex-
 change in payment of your debt. It is marked
 to be in the collection of a gun will become the
 collection. It will require about 10 days
 more to clear the debt. It will be done for you in
 the course of a week.

In case a certain rumor about the insolvency of your
 firm should be true what must I do with the Cuban
 debt will deliver it only on your order. No one shall
 know it is here for your account. I expect that
 all persons the order. As the Cuban is about to come
 it is our intention there will be some little change made
 in the price for the 10. As the Cuban is just
 a matter of course.

There have been a regular time who captured the ship
 Sending the ship to Tortuga was mean as a Yankee could do.

Yours truly

E. E. The

Statement of 83 Bales Cotton $\$7\frac{1}{2}^c$ stored at
 Walston's Press Houston Texas for account of
 John McDonald - Sept. 20. 1864 -

(C)	4 Bales Ordinary	1540 lbs	11 ^c	\$ 172.70
(H)	24 " Good Ordinary	12165	13	1541.45
(B)	49 " Low Middling	19335	15	2900.25
(S)	15 " Middling	7470	17	1269.90
(K)	2 " Good Middling	990	18	178.20
	<u>83 Bales</u>	<u>41530 lbs</u>		<u>\$ 6102.50</u>

Amount of account \$ 7785.00

Amount paid at above 6102.50

Balance due J. McDonald \$ 1682.50

Equal to about 38 Bales Low Middling Cotton.

Statement of 24 Bales Cotton $\$7\frac{1}{2}^c$ stored at
 Walston's Press Houston Texas, for account
 of John McDonald - October 2. 1864 -

(C)	3 Bales Ordinary	1575 lbs	11	\$ 174.35
(H)	3 " Good Ordinary	1415	13	180.95
(B)	6 " Low Middling	7731	15	2159.65
(S)	2 " Middling	945	17	160.65
	<u>24 Bales</u>	<u>11676 lbs</u>		<u>\$ 1675.60</u>

Total of Bales - 58.206 lbs \$ 7781.10

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Walker G. W

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Witting Geo.

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Welson Geo W

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Walker W W

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Wighton S. A

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Waters J. D leve

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Watts G. W

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Willis O. J

352-389-406-

Ward & Bro W. P.

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Washburn W W

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Yancey S. Craft

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Zacharie J. W.

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Boston Bureau Dept Trans M
Houston, Sept 9th 1864

Col

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your communication of this date, asking my opinion of the effect upon the operations of this Bureau of the publication of the President's Regulations in connection with several orders Dept Hd Lrs # 34 # 35 - the present mode of procuring Cotton and Supplies - the amount of present and contingent indebtedness & means of payment - the amount of Cotton Contracted for by this Bureau - the probable amount of Cotton in the State & a general view of the prospect of affairs as affected by the proposed publication of the Regulations - as well as my opinion on the policy of increasing the price of Cotton and changing the mode of payment by substituting Confederate currency interest & redeemable after the close of the war, for the Confederate Currency now used.

To give these several points the attention they merit would enlarge this letter beyond reasonable limits and I will therefore change briefly as possible, referring you to our conversation of this morning for the arguments which illustrate them & which you may recall as each subject is reached.

In regard to the consequences to this organization of the President's Regulations, will be anything but a great benefit. For I know of no one who is interested in our cause, who looks to this publication as a relief from the restrictions enforced by general orders.

#34 & 35. and will immediately upon the official publication of the Regulations proceed to avail themselves of its provisions and thus prevent the further acquisition of Cotton by the Govt. In my opinion it is useless to contemplate the harmonizing of the Regulations with the orders #34 & 35. for the people at large, regarding only the fact that an exempted Cotton is now worth say 8¢ per lb. & exempted Cotton 16¢ will for the sake of securing the additional 8¢ per lb. by complying with the Regulations undertake any amount of personal trouble in order to avoid the surrender of one half their Cotton to Govt under the present working plan. The remark is often made: The Bureau will be dead as soon as Genl Smith publishes the President's Regulations - and the public mind is so excited on the subject that it is a matter too certain to be denied that our Govt. so far as the future supply of the army is concerned of no use whatever in this Dept unless our work as at present constituted. This is a lamentable fact that interest alone guides the action of our planters and Merchants, and that only the threat of impressment compels the sale of half the Cotton to Govt. The parties interested lose sight of the fact that this Bureau has increased the value of their Cotton 100 per cent through Genl Smith's orders by which the transit & exportation of their Cotton was secured to them beyond all interference after they had complied with our rules, and now regard our acts as depriving them of 50% of their property & look forward to the proposed publication as a means by which they may save what they now

to reluctantly yield to the Court. They deny our right to enforce the rules of the Bureau so constantly that I am convinced you shall not acquire any cotton a day after the regulations are published, and in the face of all the arguments to the contrary I shall consider our agency at an end at the moment of publication.

I am aware of but Smith's desire to respect the laws and appreciate the responsibility he incurs by assuming to enforce regulations of his own in the stead of those imposed by the President - but I respectfully submit the question whether, under the circumstances, the apparent misapprehension of the management of this Dept. at Richmond - the certain disastrous consequences to the army & the necessity for the continuance of the present system, it is not better to take the responsibility upon the certain and steady maintenance of the system in the field & the consequent yielding of the law than to yield to an erroneous legislation merely because it is legal.

I believe all who view the difficulties under which the Govt on this side the River is laboring - the army will admit that the necessity for cotton is constant & pressing - It is the only medium through which the supplies can be obtained. Experience has shown us that a government by purchase without the implied threat of force & coercion is totally inadequate to the wants of the army, & the Govt cannot keep pace with the private buyer - for purposes of speculation he can always overbid the Govt - If the Govt must advance prices, it is equally true that the article it loses the advantage of it as a means of supply for the reason that more money is spent in its purchase and

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I believe all who know the difficulties under which the South on this side the River maintains the army will admit that the necessity for cotton is constant & pressing - It is the only medium through which the supplies can be obtained. Experience has shown us that acquisition by purchase without the implied threat of forcible seizure is totally inadequate to the wants of the army - The South cannot keep pace with the private buyer - For purposes of speculation he can always overbid the South - If the South must advance prices sufficiently to command the article it loses the advantage of its use as a medium of supply for the reason that more money is spent in its purchase and

representation there can be realized from its conversion.
 ... and if the best must use their
 ... not ability the the in at once to the
 ... avoid the employment &
 ... officers & agents charged with the duty-
 ... the people can sell for
 ... as a mass prefer to sell
 ... they will not take, even from
 ... under compulsion - If you make
 ... that the best can
 ...

It is evident that the present system is the last plan
 ... of the South to secure cotton - if we must yield
 ... it is the end of our agency - It is a virtual admission
 ... that our laws are wrong - that but Smith
 ... what he has wrought -
 ... what the people will mean gain
 ... by the military -
 ... their opposition to the Russian
 ... to resist it in coach-
 ... and be an example to them
 ... to comply with
 ... if it affects
 ... I speak my true sentiment. Let
 ... the best Cotton
 ... has convinced me that our people are deceived
 ... and that all Consider

considerations of Country & Protection are secondary to
 self. They must be converted into measures of this kind -
 they must be willingly consent to a pecuniary sacrifice
 in order to prevent the emigration of the Country at
 large & in consequence of themselves -

The Regulations must be published. I would not
 suggest that they be made as difficult to comply with as
 possible. The officer of whom the preliminary Approval
 must be obtained should have such instructions to refuse
 his Approval in all cases where he has known the applicant
 to be guilty in the fulfilment of any engagement public
 or private - He should be a man of sound discretion and
 of large acquaintance in the State - He should know of all
 the failures on the part of the applicant to comply with
 former contracts. No matter of what nature this instruction
 should compel him to deny his approval to such an applicant
 and a provision would exclude any kind of the applications
 - The Honorable is entitled to be satisfied with all the
 the Ministry is civil. He has not even asked to them -

The Collector at Port of entry should be instructed
 not to take bond unless approved by a Judge of a Court
 of record. and to take no bond in which the duties
 of either of them, or already on a prior bond until the
 condition of the first bond has been complied with -
 It is the intention together with the trouble & expense
 of dealing with them through officers to detest from
 such cases may have the effect to deter most parties from
 exporting the Regulations as the measure of exportation &
 give them a preference but order to do so as more likely

as accomplishing their purpose - I believe it is conceded that
 that Smith cannot in the publication gain his ends the
 government then apply the Regulations to the exempted half
 I however, still have great fear of the consequences, and
 would rather know that the Govt had enough Cotton to supply
 the want of the army before the publication of the Regulations
 than rely upon the slender chance of its acquisition after
 war - How would it answer to impose all the Cotton
 required, and then publish the Regulations - of course
 such an impression should be made only of such
 Cotton as are not now protected by exemption -

I have my doubts as to the security afforded by
 the bond proposed by the Regulations - In my opinion they
 could not be enforced on the ground that the Govt was
 in a hurry and gave for no valuable consideration - A young
 man would "know" too much to consider that the party should be
 released from his liability - at all events the history of
 the character of security does not afford much hope
 that the Govt can benefit to any extent by the ex-
 tention of Cotton under the Regulations - we know the
 Govt the present system does benefit does accrue to
 the Govt -

I object to the Regulations because they do not
 provide for the introduction of army supplies - The
 contract is fulfilled if "articles not prohibited" are
 introduced - there is no provision for a sale of such
 articles to Govt - there is no guarantee that the article
 will be used as are needed by the Govt - How can the
 want of the army be supplied unless this matter is
 placed on a more secure footing?

The great objection remains to be stated - & it is one involving the honor of the Govt. & responsible parties. There have been contracts with this Bureau & in various districts - large emboldenances has been in view for supplies already delivered - all upon the faith of the ability of the Govt. to pay for them, and the belief that this Bureau was and will be supported, amply with its promise to deliver cotton in payment - I repeat, but that the President's Regulations will deprive us of the power to pay this indebtedness & that we cannot do up the selling sale of any considerable amount beyond the amount the door is opened by the publication, to all applicants who will comply with the Regulations & so that through want to repudiate practically the claims these parties have upon us as a result of our ability to fulfil his promise through us for their payment.

This present mode of acquiring cotton is as follows - We have two propositions - 1st to buy one half the cotton at an average of 25¢ for unbaled cotton plus bagging & rope for the whole, at a cost of 60¢ per yard & payable in U.S. notes. This issue for its special use, at the time the bagging & rope furnished - and giving an exception protecting the exportations of the cotton already baled in bagging & rope at half the price or an average of 25¢ per lb. - The price varies a little according to location & is to pay the whole cost - furnishing bagging & rope & baled - paying half in U.S. notes as before & the other

and the surplus, if any, placed at the disposal of the Ministry for the purchase of supplies - This effort to place the cotton at a point where it will produce the most money originates with Col. Broadwell & himself, and the encouragement of the best commanding officers. I think I may say, we shall not disappoint many of the parties dealing with us if the present system can be sustained.

I am now making small shipments of cotton & Col. Adams & I could act at discretion for the purchase of introducing supplies through our own agents if it will produce as much as for - here, and it is evident that we shall increase our capacity & supply the army just in that ratio if we can shift cotton & Col. Adams in place & prevent goods at the same time & we can in some instances correct our errors - in fact by the sea we may supply the army more abundantly, and we can more certainly rely upon this method until the blockade is more strictly enforced - the steamer now going to Salambour carries a full return cargo in exchange for the supplies brought inward and the surplus of all sorts of provisions they are allowed to carry out just as they see fit. I am thus convinced for the present & the facilities for shipment afforded by the small sailing vessels now leaving the coast, but I have not as yet a private opinion on the good or bad of the plan. I think it will be for both cotton, by sending to Havana or other ports, and all vessels arriving at a harbor after the 1st will be required to take out for both one full

I have been thinking much lately about the
future of our country. I am convinced that the
people are entitled to a government which will
protect their rights and interests. It is my duty
to speak out for the people and to demand
that they be treated as citizens, not as subjects.
I believe in the principles of liberty and justice
for all. I believe in the right of every man
to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.
I believe in the power of the people to make
their own destiny. I believe in the possibility
of a better world. I believe in the hope of
the future. I believe in the love of my fellow
men. I believe in the strength of our Union.
I believe in the greatness of our Nation.

[illegible]

the people reflect upon the service it has done with
the means at its disposal. It will receive the
appellation it deserves to merit, and be regarded as
one of the best organizations of the kind & productive

of more good than any Department of the Service - to give us this satisfaction in prospect (for you must admit we can not feel it at present) you must aid us by strengthening our hands instead of weakening us by taking away from the Bureau the advice which alone guides its action. If there is any way by which the system can be continued which you will have reason in the end to be proud of your origination of the idea and that I will right with satisfaction that he gave it the power to do its part in the work. But if you would take away from us this power as you will do by the publication of the regulations without restrictions rendering them in effect inoperative you leave us only the volume which now attends our operations - with no power to hand is with in capacity and allow us no opportunity of proving that we do not deserve condemnation and are not responsible for our failure.

Bel. Aug. 11. 1890
 A. A. Bank
 Houston

Very respectfully
 your obedt. servt

Capt. & Agt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston Oct 18. 1864

Capt. -

I have your favour of 7th inst. & have not
replied earlier as I could not see the Marine Dept in
time. Capt. Smith says now that your services are so
necessary & valuable that the Dept cannot spare you for
some time to come - but says if there is any other man
in the Dept there, he will let us have him - If you
can select one please do so - He named a Mr. Smith
as a suitable man - I regret very much that you
cannot take it in charge, as I have depended entirely
on you for moving the Cotton - I wrote Capt.
Lee about the Cotton, today - Please consult him
& determine upon a proper person & mode of getting the
Cotton to Beaumont -

As to rates of freight - You can allow 1/2¢ & 2¢ for
the Express, per 100 miles - 1/2¢ for ox teams or 2¢
for mule teams - Freight payable in Houston or
draft to be drawn by you or the party receiving
the Cotton for Cash -

Capt. W. H. Ford,
Beaumont, Texas.

Very respectfully
Yours etc
C. C. Wells
Capt. &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
Harrisburg, Oct 18. 1864

Capt A. B. Lee agent
Beaumont

Capt.

I have your favor of 14th inst. - The application
for Capt Pomeroy has been attended to as requested.

I wrote Capt Wood to day. He will see
you about the removal of the Cotton from
Huegates & Sabine River. The Marine Dept
refuse to let him go, but say I may have
Mr. Hunt if he will suit. A good man
but the work on the Cotton will never reach
Beaumont except with considerable care &
attention.

If you could give it your own
attention I would feel more satisfied about
it. Capt Wood cannot attend to it.

I do not think the Schedule rates of 1¢
or 2¢ for the 1000 miles - Specie - can be
exceeded.

Very respy

G. G. Wells

Capt &c.

I send a pkg to you
for mail, which you
will oblige me by forwarding
to its address.

Eastern Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 19. 1864

Capt. W. E. Liebmans,

Chf Qm. Eastern Sub Dist Tex.
Houston,

Captain,

I notice a circular from Major
H. H. Stone Chf Qm. directing a return
of Rations showing status of Quartermasters
serving in this District.
Having neglected to report on the
previous call I hasten to do so now
& have the honor to state that:

I am serving as Captain & A.Q.M. in the
Eastern Bureau Dept T. M. at Houston -
at present as Acting Chief of Bureau.
I was assigned to duty by Genl. E.
Smith - appointed by him
June 2. 1864. Have not been
confirmed by the President so far
as I know - my commission - My
bond was accepted by Genl Smith
Sept 9. 1864 -

Very respy

Yours etc

C. E. Wells

Capt & A.Q.M.

D. A. Davis Esq.
Cold Spring

Kansas City 19th 1884

I have shipped to you on to
stage train to St. Louis. - as it is
to leave this morning 10:30 pm
This found receipt of same to the office
Very Respectfully

Miss Mary O'Connor
Bismarck
Dakota

I have shipped you on to stage
train to Bismarck on 1st Sept 1884
St. Louis 10:30 pm
I have shipped
into found you some salt as soon as it came
to hand. Please acknowledge receipt of same.
Very Respectfully
C. G. Wells

Cotton, Duncan & Co. Trans. Secs
Houston, Tex. 19th 1884
Messrs. Russell, Galbreath & Co.
San Antonio

Gent.

As requested by your agent Mr. A. D.
Perry, writing from Cotton, Tex. 10th Inst. - I
enclose certified acct & Exemption in your
favor - \$524 - no balance - for 1884
I have not yet received the new issue to
take up my certified accounts - If you
choose to do so you collect the amount in
old issue with the addition of 50 per cent
to make it equal to the new - If you can
include to do this sign both vouchers and
send them here for collection -

Respectfully

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
C. G. Wells
C. G. Wells

✓
 Centre Bureau Dept. Trade & Cons.
 Havana Oct 18. 1864
 Same White & White
 Japan

✓
 Cust.

I have your favor of 18th Inst with
 enclosure. I send the Exemption and
 Certified account to Mr. Hannot as your
 request. He will take care over to you
 upon your delivery of the Cotton to him.
 The Exemption will protect your cargo
 as Cotton. As I have not yet
 received the new issue to take up my
 Certified acct, I will pay you in old
 currency, if you desire it, adding 50
 percent for the legal discount. You
 can collect the amount by sending
 me the two vouchers signed -

Very respectfully

Wm. A. Wells

Asst. Secy

Oct 9. 64.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston, Oct. 19, 1864

H. H. Hamud Esq.
Jasper.

Sir,

By request of White & White of
Jasper, I send you Certificate of Receipt
White & White \$520 - 22 B/C - \$1,346.40
which you will please hand to them
when they deliver you 22 B/C of same
Quality. Low Shipping - Freight more etc
& not before - Please write
me when the matter is closed by the
delivery of the Cotton to you - I
write them to day that these papers
are sent to you -

Very respy

J. G. Kelly
Co. G. Kelly
Capt Regt
107.44

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 19. 1864

J. S. Vidden Esq. Gt.
Tennessee.

Sir,

I have your favor of 19th Oct. 1864
with enclosure - The 19th of Cotton came
to hand - Mr. H. H. H. will himself
call for his description & sent of it.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. S. Kelly

Capt & Agent

Oct 19.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 19. 1864

Rev. James Esq. Gt.
Tennessee.

Sir,

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with enclosure - The 19th of Cotton came
to hand - Mr. H. H. H. will himself
call for his description & sent of it.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. S. Kelly

Capt & Agent

✓
 Major H. P. Bingham Gen.
 Rio Grande City

Major

I have the honor to acknowledge
 receipt of your favor of 1st inst. and now
 enclose Invoice & Receipts of B. Cotton to
 close the book & balance deliveries of
 Cotton to you, as proposed. — I have
 not yet settled for the Cotton but will
 do so on presentation of your certificate.

When you learn that the B. Cotton
 has been delivered to Mr. H. H.
 Kirkland on my order of some weeks
 since, please have me notified.

Major Willie writes me that he will
 adopt some plan to relieve your present
 trouble about your title for Govt.
 Cotton. — I proposed that he should
 place this blank in your hands to
 be used as necessary required.

Very respectfully

Yours etc
 C. E. Kelly
 Captain

✓
 Col. Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.

Washington Oct 19. 1864

Gen. H. H. Wood

Colunbia,

Sir,

I have your favor of 18. This I now
 enclose. Certified. acc. & description
 Sam. Cannon. 1864. 1/2 C. - 1/2 H. 42
 as requested -

W. J. Hark's address
 is San Antonio.

Very respectfully

G. H. Hark

Co. 5th Regt.

10th C.

✓
 Col. Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss.

Washington Oct 19. 1864

A. M. Brown

Victoria

Sir,

I have your favor of 17. This I now
 enclose. Certified. acc. & description as stated.

Very respectfully

G. H. Hark

Co. 5th Regt.

10th C.

✓ Robert Benson Esq. was this
Mon. Dec. 19. 1742

I have your favor of 9th inst &
have enclosed Certificate of Exemption
H. H. Thompson to you. I hope
I need not say Mr. R. is India's biggest
man & Co. - Will ship you as soon as it
can be to hand.

Please write to Capt Propine to
go to Richmond & purchase 100 lbs of
Rushes & 100 lbs of - I cannot get an
order from Rich. No. 100 except upon
the same balance of the agency
office or Agent that an order to purchase
has been issued - But Capt Propine
can proceed at once under the order
he has -

long green

Grasshopper

45801

16. 1/2

Cotton Bureau West Point Miss
Houston, Oct 18. 1864

J. A. Bailey Esq. of
Huntsville

Sir - I have your favor of 14th & two
telegrams of 18th. I return you the L. C.
Cleveland Certificate 18190 - cancelled - also
enclose Post ofc. R. J. Robinson - \$12.50
& three Exemptions - 5 Bds. 5 Bds. & 10 Bds
as requested -

You will please continue to contract
for Cotton under your old instructions
giving Bagging & Rope on same terms.
You will not make any change in your
plans until your instructions are
altered or you are directed to stop
purchasing altogether - The new
Regulations, by which the Govt Cotton
Business is placed in charge of the
Treasury Department will probably
be enforced within ten days - You
will be fully advised at the time.

Very respy

Yr obt. ad

Chas. S. Kelly

Capt &c

Quartermaster's office
Hudson Oct 19. 1864

✓
T. F. McKinney Esq
Austin

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst
enclosing 2 Bds of cotton shipped by you to
Mr Perkins being an ac. of your contract with
Jeffrey's warehouse & Co. 1st. one for 57 &
the other for 40 bales cotton - and note enclosed.
I have found the Bds to Mr Perkins

Very truly
yours
L. G. Wells
to aft & again

Quartermaster's office
Hudson Oct 19. 1864

Mr. Perkins Esq
Hudson

Sir

Enclosed please find two bills of lading
from Thomas H. McKinney for cotton shipped you one
for 57 bales and the other for 40 bales cotton
being an ac. of contract with Jeffrey's warehouse of
L. L. Chas. & Co.

Very truly
yours
L. G. Wells
to aft & again

✓
 Weston Dunbar Esq. Trans. Miss
 Haverhill, Oct 19. 1844

C. C. Moore Esq.
 Wheelock.

Sir,

✓
 I have your favor of 10th inst. &
 note enclosed - I have no new
 currency & do not expect any very
 soon, as only a small amount has
 been received on this side the River.
 Rather than wait an indefinite time
 I suppose Mr Davis would take the
 old currency at its legal discount & for
 2.

Your receipt for Baggs Rope, as given
 for Col. Hatchins, does not relieve me of
 the necessity of getting Mr Davis' receipt. His
 receipt is a voucher to go on with my
 papers to show that he did really use the
 Baggs Rope as stated. - Your Receipt to
 Col. Hatchins you can always have returned
 to you, on your showing that the Bill has
 been delivered to the parties who used it.
 This receipt take up yours & go on to
 Richmond to show that I have of the
 Baggs Rope -

Very respectfully

C. C. Moore
 Esq.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 19. 1864

Genl H. H. Alvord
Brenham

Genl -

I have given favor of of the Inst & note contents - There is no way to get an exemption for your Cotton now on hand except by turning over to Mr A. B. Bailey or some other agent on behalf the lot - In this half you will be paid in new issue at about an average of 75¢ per lb. & receive an exemption on your other half - The half exempted to you will sell in the market for about 10 to 12¢ per lb. specie -

Your sales of Cotton to date last year cannot entitle you to an exemption now as ours. The old to you would claim the same privilege & this would defeat the plan inaugurated by Genl Smith last June - The exemptions apply only to new transactions -

If you prefer not to time even your Cotton now, you might wait a few days & see how you will like the new Regulations - To be canceled with you, Cal. the office the Bureau now

Under the provisions of the Act of March 3rd 1862 the Bureau of Cotton is authorized to issue warrants for the redemption of cotton from the hands of the owners of the same. The Bureau of Cotton is authorized to issue warrants for the redemption of cotton from the hands of the owners of the same.

Cotton Bureau Dept Ins Affairs
Houston, Oct 18. 1864

H. O'Connell Esq
Galveston.

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th Inst & am glad to note your efforts in search of abandoned Govt Cotton, are in a measure successful.

I do not know the status of the SAC, Cotton or the arrangements Wm. Blomfield had with B. B. Richards & Co., but I presume the Govt has some claim to the Cotton.

You had better therefore ship it to Major W. P. E. Archer G. A. at Rio Grande City, informing him what lot of Cotton is shipped so that he may be able to keep it straight on his books.

The necessary charges incurred in getting the Cotton in order for shipment will be paid you by the Officer who receives the Cotton on the Rio Grande.

Very respy

C. E. Kelly

Capt. Agre
A. J. Fox

Colon Boreau Dept Iowa Office
Hawtorn Oct 19. 1862

Sir,

I have the honor to request the
transfer of

L. J. Harris - unassigned conscript,
now in the employ of Capt E. C. Wharton,
to this office. Subject to approval of
Capt Wharton.

Mr Harris is deep & consequently unable
to do duty in the field - I can make
him very useful in my office & trust
you will grant the transfer.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

in L. Wells

Capt B. B. B. B. B.

Sir J. C. Boreau

Off. Com. 1st Iowa Inf.
Hawtorn, Iowa

Section Bureau Dept Army Texas
 Houston, Oct 19. 1864

Genl. Simpson Esq
 San Antonio.

Sir

I have your favor of 14th inst & note
 Genl Broadwells' desire that you shall be
 paid at Houston the amount due you on
 Certified account - My recollection of this
 account is that it was on a purchase made by
 Capt E. C. Wharton Agmt for me by Al. Hutchins.

However, if this is the one covered by Genl Broad-
 wells letter, and I can pay it, it will give me
 pleasure to do so - Please have the voucher
 sent me - It will always be at your command
 until a payment is made on it -

Sincerely

Yours truly
 E. C. Wells

Capt & Agmt.

Eastern Bureau Dept Texas Affairs
Houston, Oct 19. 1864

Governor

I have the honor to transmit
herewith a copy of the understanding with
Mr. Griffin concerning the transfer of
the St. Clements grange, or part of
them, at Harmonas, to Government.

Very respy

Yours truly

L. C. Wells

Chief Clerk

Oct 19

Gen. L. S. Hovey

Piedmont Springs Texas

Eastern Office

Houston Oct 20 1864

E. H. P. Warrick Esq
Lone.

I have shipped you one
to day's train, to care of A. S. Vetter, at Austin

& Duke Charles Rogers now you
will forward copy to wherever as soon as it
comes to hand.

Very Respectfully
L. C. Wells
Houston

Quartermaster's office
Havens Oct 19. 1864

F. J. Cook, Esq. agt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst
and note contents. In your letter you state before
to be — the value of his certificate is this office
You leave out the name and we have no idea
to whom you refer.

In the case of Capt. Blackman
forward the proper certificate and Humphreys will
be at once issued.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. Svt
C. E. Wells

Capt. A. G. W.

In regard to the money received from Mr. Perkins
you will under the circumstances please forward it
to this office. We will have Walter M. Perkins
certified as to make the matter straight

C. E. W.

Quartermasters office
Hartford Oct 19th 1864

J. J. Hunt Esq
Shaffell Hill

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst
and note contents. I am as heretofore granting
exemptions on receipt of local agents certifi-
cates. The regulations of the President have
not yet been ^{officially} published and until they are,
will be inoperative. When they are officially
published the exemptions granted by this office
will be repeated as heretofore.

Very Resp
yours obt Snt
L. J. Wells
Capt & Co

Quartermasters office
Hartford Oct 19th 1864

J. Smother Esq
Clear Lake

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst
and note contents. I will as requested send to
you 200 at Market Station.

Very Resp
yours obt Snt
L. J. Wells
Capt & Co

✓ Letter Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Havertown, Oct 19. 1864
Dear Stances Esq. of -
Ponchartraine,
Dear -

I enclose Cert. of Exemption
J.B. Handendale - 581 - & A.C. - \$190.56
the certificate of which was enclosed
in yours of this date.

long reply

W. H. H. H.

C. G. Wells

Ernst Lagun

J. A. Bidder & Co
Karlsruhe

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I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst and
note contents - Enclosed find certified a/c dated
before Larar Ely. Maye for \$44.24 and two
specimens No 532 & 533 fine for three and the other
for James Blanton - I have never given Mr. Maye
any certified a/c and the whole 34 Bales is included
in the one enclosed so the question of B & O is all
right.

Very Rushy

you all best

C. G. Wells

Dear Mother Office
 Omaha Oct 20 1884

J. Edgar Cox
 Nebraska

I ship you on to day's train
 Eighteen Quilt. Mattresses shipped weighing 1025 lbs.
 for which please forward receipt to the office.
 Mrs. Saunders and Mother, Western Station, Fort
 Bond County, have no order of letters for which
 they wish shipping and also, and have requested
 me to forward it from the office. I should prefer
 your forwarding the shipping order, and they
 have to call your attention to this application.

Very Respectfully
 J. Edgar Cox
 Dear Mother Office
 Omaha Oct 20 1884

J. Edgar Cox
 Nebraska.

I ship you on to day's
 train for OMAHA P. Quinlan, Iowa.
 5 Quilt. Mattresses / Shipping 1000 lbs.
 will forward you order for same in a few
 days. Please forward receipt for same to the
 office.

Very Respectfully
 J. Edgar Cox
 Omaha

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept, Trans Miss,
Huntsdon, Oct 20. 1864

R. G. Woodall Esq
Orange,

Sir,

✓ I have your favor of 10th inst which
should have been replied to earlier, but
I have been waiting for Mr. Searles' letter
to Collector Haskell - I now enclose
it -

You will have no further trouble
about your vessel - but you will
be required to give bond as usual
to bring back in good, not prohibited,
one half the value of your Cotton -

Very respy

Yours obt ent

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

✓

Cotton Bureau Dept of War
Hartrow, Oct 20. 1864 -
Pony Agent Asst. A.M. G.
San Antonio,

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your favor of 3rd Sept. concerning statement of Cotton rec^d at San Antonio by Capt J. B. Mitchell - & requesting Invoices sent to Major Willie for same -

I enclose Invoices & receipts for 808 Bales - 404 Bales - 56 Bales Cotton comprising all I have any knowledge of going from my District -

The Cotton from the good Bloomfield & Lewis & Capts Ringe & Barnett - also Major Leabell - I suppose should be received for to those Officers - If I have any claim on part of these Cottons I can get receipts & receipts - Lewis, I think got some of my Lincoln County Cotton - shipped on Barnett & Ringe's train by my Asst. A. B. Tuller.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Oct 20. 1864

J. W. McLanahan Esq. Aft
Parkers' Bluff -

Sir,

I enclose B. H. Jackson's receipt for
60 Bales Cotton in favor of Saml Simpson,
endorsed to you - Mr Jackson

lives at Bethel, Anderson County -

You will please ship this Cotton
to Capt J. C. Trinchell at San Antonio,
and send me the Bill of Lading as
usual designating the Cotton -

I send also the Tax Receipt on the
60 Bales which you will please
forward to Maj. A. H. Miller at San
Antonio, when you ship the Cotton, telling
him that it covers the Cotton Shipped Capt
Trinchell - Write Capt Trinchell at the
same time to forward the Cotton to
Mr W. Perkins, C. S. Commr, Aft, Matamoros.

Very respy

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 21st 1864

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S. D. Foster Esq
Wharton

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst enclosing
report of cotton purchased and delivered by you during
the month of September, and make entries

I will send you by mail to
day as requested lot stationery and blank for B.R.
receipts and certificates -

Very Respectfully
yours obt. Svt
C. L. Wells
Capt & Agt

H. L. Keith Esq
Beaumont

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 21st 1864

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst and make
entries. I am not in funds with new issue with which
to pay certified a/c, and am unable to say when I will
be. I can however pay my certified a/c in old issue and
will add to the amt due so far and so as to make it
equal to new.

Very Respectfully
yours obt. Svt
C. L. Wells
Capt & Agt

over - p.

Cotton Bureau, Capt. Isaac Hiss.

Houston, Oct 20. 1864.

Major H. J. Smith, Jr.

Clinton, Pettitt Co.

Major

By contract with King & Co, made by Lt. Col. H. A. Woodruff, Chf. of Bureau in July last, all the Cotton required by the Government in Habagorda County is placed in their (King & Co) charge, for transportation to the mouth of the Rio Grande, to be placed on shipboard, carried to England and there sold. The indebtedness of the Govt to King & Co to be paid out of the English proceeds. As they receive the Cotton on plantations much time is lost before I can issue my regular receipts. To facilitate the movement of the Cotton I propose to file this letter with you as evidence that they are entitled to export the Cotton without molestation. You will please issue your permits on all Cotton from Habagorda County in their charge. Mr. John H. Gibbons their local agent, will make the Bills of Lading, which will be your guide in designating the Cotton. As they get all the Cotton which the Govt may require in Habagorda County, it is impossible now to name a limit or particular number of Bales, but to reassure you I will at any time, you may require it, send you my official receipts covering the number of Bales passed by you under this letter.

Respectfully
Yours etc etc
C. C. Kelly
Capt & Agent
Oct 21.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Houston, Oct 21. 1864

J. H. Gibson Esq

Caney.

Sir,

I have your favor of 16th Inst
in re contents - Mr Hale had previously
sent in a Mr. S. Parks with directions to me to
give him the orders on Wharton & Austin Cos
Mr P. got them from me on 1st Inst. & has already
sent them to Austin Co. - probably also to Wharton -
Mr Hale must have forgotten this order.

I thank you for your list of Cottons delivered to
King & Co. I now send you a letter which
you can have filed with Major Cabell at
Clinton - It will protect all the Cotton sent
forward by King & Co from Matagorda Co.
You will notice that the Bill of Lading
must state that the Cotton goes from Matagorda
Co. & is shipped by J. H. Gibson Agt for
King & Co.

There is no Officer or Agent at Victoria
authorized to pass Cotton - The permits can
only be obtained from Major Cabell at Clinton

Very respectfully
C. E. Wells
Capt &c

Seatemasters office
Haverton Oct 20th 1864

F. J. Cook Esq agt
Hempstead
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst and
note enclosed. I will as early as practicable ^{and} cable
manilla rope to Mr. S. Smithy Chaffell Hill.

Mr. Cannon writes us he turned
over to you an order of R. F. Fenwick on his
safe for 100 of Bolton ~~100~~ 100 20 pounds.

Mr. Fenwick received from
Capt. Hutchins an exemption for this cotton and
it is in fact that the cotton called for in the
order be reduced to succession with as little
delay as can be avoided.

Will give this matter
your immediate attention.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. servt
A. L. Wells
Capt & agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Octo 21. 1864

J. A. Daily Esq. of
Whitewille

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th inst. -
I now enclose Certified and 1 Exemption
H. A. Rawlings + 500 - 50 R/C \$ 2.445.00
Please read my other letter - and do not give
this Exemption to D. R. until he signs the
agreement to make good the Cotton due to Maj
Hart between himself & Smith Walker -

I did not understand your telegram as referring
to a purchase of Bagging & Rope. You can buy
Mr Smiths Bagging & Rope a 60¢. Pay for it
in Exempt Cotton, at the new schedule rates -
3% advance on old prices - If you buy send
me: Bill Bagging & Rope -

Statement of Cotton delivered in payment -
I will make up the vouchers & Exemption
& send them to you -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. C. Wells
Capt. &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hawston Oct 21. 1864

John Holston Esq. of
Albany

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th inst
with enclosures -

Mr. Walsh called for his award
(106) & J. S. Hancock (55) Cent. of Exemption
& took them away with him -

I now enclose in settlement of
your favor from J. S. Hancock -

\$1.00 - Bill. Bugg & Rapt	\$459.00
.. .. Sales to Holston	268.16

\$1.00 - Exemption to Holston -
Have the vouchers signed, & return them
to me -

Very respectfully
Yours truly
Wm. G. Wells
Capt. Co.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 21. 1864

✓
Dear Stance Esq
Baltimore.

Sir, I have your favor of 19th
just with enclosure - now enclosed
Certified ofc & Exemption - name of
J. S. Shepherd - \$500 - 500 - \$100.00.

Very respy

C. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 26. 1864

✓
S. Reynolds Esq Esq
Baltimore

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th just
returning the John Black papers - &
now send them made up under Par.

I - say -

Certified ofc - new currency \$498.87
Exemption \$500 - 500 - \$100.00

Very respy

C. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
Houston, Oct 21. 1864

Captain

I enclose Express receipt &
letter. Also Copying Books - also Invoice
& Receipts Transferring same to you.
Please return one the receipt signed.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

Capt H. C. Blackman
Shreveport, La.

C. G. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
Houston, Oct 21. 1864

H. K. White Esq

Andover, Mass

Sir,

I have your favor of 19th
but I am enclosed copy of & explanation
of the Address & etc. - I am, 19

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt

✓ Letter Bureau Dept. Ins. This ✓
 November Oct 21. 1864
 John Admance Esq. of
 Columbia.

Sir - I have your favor of 9th & last with
 enclosure. Capt. Wm. Ragely can get a duplicate for
 his Dr. Bates from Mr. W. H. Admance - Done.
 it must be Duplicate.

I have no new issue on hand, nor do I
 know when I will receive any - So little
 has been brought to this side of the River that
 I fear it will be all used for commissary
 supplies, & that we will get very little if any
 of it. I have been placed in funds with
 the currency, and am authorized to use it
 in taking up certified accounts, at the legal
 discount - 50 per cent.

I now enclose Certified accs & Receipts

John Ragely + 500 000
 104 Rye - Jan 6. 65
 Wm. S. Ragely + 25 000 22 . 20th. 68

Very respectfully
 Yrs. at
 C. S. Wells
 Capt.

Quartermasters Office
Houston Oct 28 1864

A. H. Wagner Esq
Brackett

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th inst and am
contents

I view of the change about to take place
in the Cotton Bureau turning it over to the Treasury
Department, and making it subject to the orders of
Judge Gray I think it inadvisable for the moment
to make any change in the the local agencies of
the Bureau and have written Col. J. A. Miller request-
ing to continue to act for Houston and by and
we can see what is to be done.

In a few days more
we will know definitely what new plans are required
owing to the above change, and then I will again
advise you relative to Mr. J. A. Miller

Very Respectfully
Yours
J. A. Miller
Capt Wagner

Quartermaster's Office
Hanson Oct 20th 1864

J. H. Gordon Esq
brockton

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 18th inst and make acknowledgments.

In view of the change about to take place in the Boston Bureau turning it over to the Treasury Department and making subject to the orders of Judge Gray. I have requested Col. B. A. Miller to continue to act as agent of Hanson's bounty until we can see definitely what is to be done.

I have advised Col. Miller that I would instruct you to report to him as assistant agent. You will in compliance thereto please report to Col. Miller for duty.

Very Resp
Yours Svt
A. L. Mills
Capt. 9th Regt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Oct 20th 1864

S. A. Miller Esq
Corvallis

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst and
am contented.

In view of the change about to take
place in bottom Benches turning it over to the
Treasury Department and making it subject to
the orders of Judge J. M. Gray, I think it best
for the moment that no change should be made
in the local agencies and I request you will continue
to act as agent for Houston County until we can
have time to ascertain what is to be done.

J. M. Gordon has been de-
scribed and you will please take him as an assistant.
I will order him to report to you.

Very respectfully
yours at St
L. G. Wells
Capt Va. Inf

Wm. D. Smith kept from this
 January 21. 1864.

My dear Mr. King,

Dear Sir,

Dear Sir,

I have your names of 1st & 2nd that
 you have sent me.

I have made the application for Mr.
 Smith's but have not yet received the
 detail. I will send it to you as soon
 as it comes to hand.

I now send you Exemptions in name
 of Stillman, Kennedy & King, as

1st. Mr. John Belmont (Columbia)
 2nd. Mr. John Belmont (Columbia)

I have now 99 Exemptions for the
 year 1864 which it is turned over to
 me. I have now 99 Exemptions which I
 will send to Columbia as soon as some
 small repairs can be made. I will
 send the exemptions with the R & L
 to the Adams.

We have been so
 busy that the Adams have not had time
 to get the Adams in order. I intended
 forwarding it last week if it had been in
 order.

Very respectfully
 Wm. D. Smith
 Wm. D. Smith
 Wm. D. Smith

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Yours favor of 19th inst. is recd.

... power of law - the state that under the present
... the rights of our children can act in this

[illegible]

John - High School
James - in rank
John - only child

Wardmaster's Office
Houston Oct 12, 1864

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✓

4. Bogue Esq
Cold Springs

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst and note contents.

I have sent Mr. Davis agent at your town a small supply of B.R. and perhaps on seeing him he can supply your wants. It is extremely difficult to keep up any thing like an adequate supply of B.R. There is none to be had in the market or in Mexico. We have chartered a steamer to bring in a full cargo of these important articles, and should she arrive safe we can supply all who are entitled. It is impracticable to supply from other points direct. Bagging & rope to parties who are entitled to it, and always leave it with local agent to supply those to whom he purchases. As soon as we can do so we will send Mr. Davis a supply of Bagging & rope, and I refer you to him for the quantity you need.

Very Respy
Yr Obedt Servt
C. L. Wells
Capt & Agent

Houston Oct 22^d 1864

F. J. Cook Esq
Hempstead

Sir

Enclosed please find the following certified ac-
and exemptions, which you will please deliver to their
owners

certified ac dated Oct 21 from J. H. Haynie for \$ 400.05
" 21 " B. L. Peel " 588.95
Exemption No. 560 from B. L. Peel for 20 Bales Cotton
" 557 " J. H. Haynie " 10 " "

The certificates on which
certified accounts and exemptions are based, were from you
and were brought here yesterday by Col. W. J. Ketchum.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt

C. G. Wells

Capt & A. G. etc.

Quartermaster's Office

Houston Oct 22^d 1864

J. A. Cantrille Esq
Cantbury

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note
contents.

Enclosed find certified ac and drafts for
Malcolm McAlpin returned cancelled.

Before you deliver the drafts
you will please have the enclosed certified ac signed
by Mr McAlpin where I have written his name in
pencil and when ^{signed} return to this office.

Very Resp

Yr obt Svt

C. G. Wells

Quartermasters office
Hanson Oct 23^d 1864

Mr Randle Esq
Bunham

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the — inst enclosing
the new certificate for 8 Bales cotton signed on the
27th of Oct 1864, and enclosed from in favor of
D. Massey of Robertson County and a letter from Mr
Massey under date Oct 21st assigning the certificate
to you.

Enclosed you will please find the proper
exemption based on the above certificate, viz Exemption
dated 21st Oct. No 561 in your favor for 8 Bales
cotton.

Enclosed also find certificate dated Oct
21st from D. Massey for \$10.00 which you will please
hand to the Surveyor of the 8 Bales cotton he sold
the year I do not know Mr Massey's address.
his letter is merely dated Robertson County.

Very Respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt

G. L. Wells

Capt & Co

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of the Interior,
Washington Oct 22. 1864

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J. H. Gains Esq. Lt.-
Gen. Wm. G.

Sir -

Enclosed is a return from the
Major, Fort Sumner, dated Oct 20. They will
receive the cotton from you on Plantation. Take
the usual receipt from them, and send statement
to this office showing lots by names of vendors -
Date might be classification.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Hunt

Co. of the

Artillery

Wm. H.

Center Bureau Dept Soc Sec
washed Oct 22 1944

[illegible]

I have your pleasure of 18th inst & note
I now enclose the order and

I am sorry to hear
 that you are getting the
 classification. I am
 sure you will not give
 up. Please don't let
 any of your friends out of
 your hands in this case.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Agric
Houston Oct 22. 1864

W. H. Coleman Esq, Cpt

Porter's Bluff - Anderson County -

On Sept 20th last I gave Mr. J. H. Zacharie and
you for 10,000 lbs worth of Cotton at
old schedule prices - payable in part out of
the Zacharies own Cotton which he would turn
in to you & receive back - You have not yet
notified me how much Cotton he had turned in
and received back - Please do so -

In addition to above pay him (\$2,000⁰⁰) due
himself and thing several 1000, in Cotton at
old schedule prices.

You can use any part Cotton in your charge
to pay these orders. You must give us not take
any of the Cotton which is in Anderson County -
We should be Anderson County -

Send me statement of your payment to him
Zacharie, showing names of makers. Also weights
subscription of each lot -

Old schedule prices

Supplies

Seed Cotton

Iron & Hardware

Medicine

Iron & Hardware

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10

10

10

10

10

Very respectfully
Yours
C. C. Wells
Capt. T. C.

The Cotton is going cheap enough as it is -

Cotton Bureau, Dept Home Miss
 Haverhill, Oct 22. 1864

Rev. S. V. Spight
 Haver.

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your favor of 18th
 inst. asking an exemption or permit for your Cotton.
 I am sorry you have asked this, but, as it shows
 that you have not a very clear appreciation of
 my position. Anything in my power to do for
 a faithful agent I will always be willing to do,
 but my powers do not extend to giving questionable
 exemptions. I am held to a rigid accountability
 for every exemption I issue & I can only issue
 such as the printed rule and instructions each
 require and I have nothing to. You may
 well imagine the uproar which would be
 raised about your case and mine if I
 issued a permit to an Agent under any
 other circumstances than I would issue
 to a planter or merchant agent.

Very respectfully,
 Yours truly,
 C. C. Wells
 Capt. Regt.

Eastern Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 22. 1864

W. M. Magalhães Esq
Richmond

Sir,

I have yours of this date enclosing receipt
for 20 lbs. leather - also your receipt for bagging
Rope, 100 yds. & 850 lbs. - Send me the duplicate
of the latter receipt, as one is of no use to me.
I will forward your exemptions by next mail -
Very respectfully

Yr obedt servt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Eastern Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 22. 1864

John Holsten Esq
Cincinnati

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst. & will
send papers by next mail - Please send
at once, kindly, all the things I have
been waiting to go back to. or that I may
send all the papers together.

Very respectfully
Yr obedt servt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c.

Stocks Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 22. 1864

M. A. John Esq }
Capt J. E. Owens } Capt. Richmond.

Delivered to Messrs G. E. Smith & Co
Two hundred Bales Cotton in Cook
Bend County, taking their memorandum
receipt as usual, and sending statement
to this Office of the lots delivered, by
names of vendors, Dates, weights and
classification

Very respectfully

G. E. Smith

Esq. & Co

Atty. Gen.

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 24, 1864

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A. H. Miller Esq
Brackett

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst and note contents. The new regulations governing cotton transactions will be published in a few days. When this is done will see about relieving you and appointing a new agent. In the mean time please continue to act. You have Mr. Barton to assist you and we hope he will be able to relieve you from the most disagreeable and burdensome part of your duties.

It is well to appoint a new agent until we see definitely what his duties will be under the new order of things.

Very respectfully
your obt Servt
A. G. Wells
Capt & Co

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 24, 1864

W. H. Farison Esq
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst enclosing detailed statement of cotton shipped by you to Capt Fritchell at San Antonio.

Please accept my thanks for trouble.

Respectfully
your obt Servt
A. G. Wells

Quartermaster Office
Hudson Oct 20, 1864 68

Wm. Engle
Hampstead

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and
in reply.

The certificate issued by you to Capt Blake
is in file here. so the matter is all right outstanding
and issued a duplicate.

In regard to the stamping out
of Capt Blake, if you see fit to issue your
own certificate leaving the former blank &
issue your own stamping following the certificate
I have no authority to issue an stamping for me
not received by me. Now what I have the local agent
certificate in hand. If you issue the certificate
you will of course be held responsible. Should the
agent fail to hereafter accounted for, where
the Bureau hearing is concerned &c.

The proper party under the
order of the office for Capt Blake is that to your
stamp is Capt Twitchell as he received the
stamp and delay is not with this office, but
in having shipped the cotton. Before you receive
and having issued your certificate.

I have received a letter from
Mr John Laggins, stating he said you so as on order
it would be detailed to transport and claiming the
he should be detailed on the contract considered void
I believe Mr Laggins is a soldier and as such I do
not think him detailed and as you certify the contract

as he stated it can be considered as rescinded
short time he officially published after which all
the copies of the order were sent to the
the order shall have been given to the
will never be free from imprisonment. The Laggins is a
will answer to all contracts and not the matter of detail
Capt Laggins

Quartermaster office
Houston Oct 24. 1864

✓
John Laggons Esq
Hempstead
N.Y.

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst claiming
\$1000 As you sold the government, and on condition
you should be detailed to transport it.

I am sorry I can not have
you detailed and carry out Mr. Cook's contract, but
a promise from Head Quarters that no more detail
will be made from the army.

As Mr. Cook has certified
officially that your statements are correct, I can only
say that the contract made by you can be considered
as at an end.

If you are wise however you will
adhere to the contract and drop the question of detail.
The President's Regulations will in a short time be
officially published, after which we will purchase
no more cotton and grant no exemptions. All cotton
then exempted will have to be moved under the
new order of things, and none of it will ever be for
your transportation.

If you are not familiar with the
President's Regulations Mr. Cook can I apprehend explain
them sufficiently for your purpose.

Very truly
yours
L. H. Mc
Quartermaster

Quartermaster's office
Houston Feb 24 1864

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Capt E. B. Settle
Sabine River - Sabine Co.

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and
note contents.

I am sorry that I can not have the
men detailed for you, your request. but orders from
Head Quarters are, ~~has~~ ^{has} ~~been~~ ^{been} that no more details
shall be made from the army.

Any details you need
if ^{you} will obtain them from the Recruit Corp or, an
assigned conscript, and inform me of the names of
the parties and their descriptive rolls. I will use
every exertion to have the details granted and order
them to report to you for duty.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
C. J. Wells
Capt & Adj. M.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. & Com.,
Houston, Oct 24, 1864

John Houston Esq. of
Albany.

Sir,

Deliver to Hoffmann & Hoffmann, enough
cotton, of grades and at prices named below,
to amount in value to \$4922, and hundredths
and ninety seven dollars. Take duplicate receipts
for same showing lots delivered, by name of
vendors, bales, weight & classification.

Good ordinary	100	3
Low middling	200	3
Middling	100	3

W. G. Wells

Comptroller
of the Treasury

Secretary of the Treasury
Houston Oct 24, 1864

J. L. Fulshear Esq.
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst and
note contents.

I would have sent your letter
to John Dickinson at Richmond, from whose
agent or party who receives his letter your voice
attained.

If Mr. Dickinson has not left on
your mail report until his return to the M. J. office
agent at your office of this office for duty.

Very respectfully
W. G. Wells
Comptroller of the Treasury

Superintendent Office
Houston Oct 20, 1864

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✓
J. A. Gillis Esq
San Felipe

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 18th inst and
note contents.

I am sorry I cannot accommodate you
but I have no authority to issue an exemption
until the local agent receives the govt help and
issues his certificate of the facts.

If Mr. Lockwill takes the
responsibility and considers your cotton as received
issue his certificate, I will make out the proper
exemption.

We have chartered a steamer to
bring in a full cargo of bagging rope, and
should she fortunately arrive safe, and she is a
ready-made, we will be enabled to supply all the
Bt Rope who are entitled to it.

It has heretofore been
impossible to keep up an adequate supply of Bt
We have purchased all to be had in the market
on in Mexico, but the great demand for it has
exhausted the supply.

It is no small undertaking
in these late times, to furnish furnish such bulky
many articles as bagging rope for all the
in the Trans Mississippi Department.

Very respectfully
Yours
J. A. Gillis
Bt Rope

Indemnification of
Houston Oct 24, 1864

W. G. Bampton Esq
Birmingham

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst and in
contents

Mr. Alfred agent for Trinity County
a member of the Legislature, and is now absent
at the seat of government, attending to his political
duties. When he returns he will attend to your
request.

We have an agent at Cold Springs and
if your cotton is within his reach he will
answer your inquiries.

I am under the impression your
cotton is already backed and in shipping order. If so
we do not furnish bagging and rope, but in lieu
thereof pay double schedule rates.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
W. L. Wells
Capt. 1st Regt

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Mollie Ann

✓ ✓

When cotton has been cut she runs over

Enclosed I return the bill of sale as requested.

the the cotton you purchased

Yours obedient

L. G. Wells

Castagni

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Miss 75
Hawthorn, Oct 24, 1864 ✓

Capt J. E. Owens,
Richmond

Sir - I have your favor of 20th but I make
certainly - Well I must say all the 26 Bales
to any one but not as except Cotton - If
you have not already given him the Exemption
Verified account for 40 Bales, please do not
do so until you have an understanding about
the matter, or get the Cotton in hand -

I will have the piece of Bagging sent to Mr
Jenn -

I write to Capt S. S. S. & go to Rock
Road & wake up the people -

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. E. Hall

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Miss
Hawthorn Oct 24, 1864.

Capt B. S. S.
to Mr S. S.

Sir - Please go to Rock Road and
wake up the people as early as you can.
The Cotton will not be able to get out,
and you will see the competition of a
new formula which there is no time
to lose. The Cotton will be sent out of
the country in the next few days.

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. E. Hall

Cotton Bureau Left Home Feb 73
November Oct 24 1864

Carb.

I have your favor of 10th & 11th & 12th -
contents thankfully acknowledged. - I shall
not be able to settle so much with exemption
as I hoped. - Mr. Payne has not yet
arrived. - I will attend to local business
whenever.

I have forwarded Mr. Squire's order
for 50 Bales Cotton to the Texas Anderson
County. - I saw your letter (I saw from Mr. C.
on same subject) I apprehend you have been
misinformed about the nature of the debt -
It was a purchase of Capt E. C. Wharton's. - I only
decide a Cotton Office debt because Col. W.
promised to pay it when he was able.

Since you mentioned Wharton's & another Co.
to King & Co. they have been actively employed in
examining the resources of the country. - They
have learned that you ordered 500 Bales of
cotton to Agent Wharton 500 Bales for a specific
purpose. - I think your object, and to pay them
for dragging & hauling at Allegheny. Their impression
is the same. - They want to receive the 500
Bales in Wharton rather than at Allegheny. -
Consequently if you had no other payments
I would wish the 500 Bales order placed
entirely on & then it over to them in
Wharton County.

Col. Wharton decided the meaning of
the new arrangement will be all right.

Wm. H. H. H. H. H.
Another day

Very truly
Yours
C. C. H. H.
Carb.

Letter Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
 Hawaiian, Oct 24. 1894
 Messrs. E. H. Chapman Esq. Esq.
 Columbia.

Sir -

I have your favor of 22nd - but I make
 no note - I think Bureau & the other
 named should undoubtedly be impressed &
 I have written to Capt. Sinsapahine to go
 to Wabagorda County - write to him
 yourself, also -

Some two weeks ago, at the instance of Mr.
 J. H. Wilson, acting for King K. Co. I wrote to
 Maj. Gen. Walker asking for a special order
 to impress Americans - He replied
 that he must first have a sworn statement
 from the Agent to the effect that Americans
 refused to sell under the rules of the
 Bureau - & that the number of Bolas must
 be exactly stated - As this will take
 too much time to accomplish, I think the
 better plan will be for Capt. Sinsapahine
 to attend to the impressment - His orders
 are such as to enable him to act without
 any additional authority -

Very respectfully,
 J. H. Wilson
 C. G. Kelly
 Capt. R.

✓ Charles Demarey Esq. ⁷⁸
Hawthorn, Oct 24 1884 ✓

J. S. H. Esq.
Hawthorn,

Sir. I have your Telegram of this date &
now enclose your Certificate of ^{res.} and
Receipts.

10. By Cable	1000 -	£1004.00
	4 1/2	56.88

I have to thank you very much for
your report and for the fact that you
have left the city and are now in
the country. I am glad to hear that
you are well and hope you will
continue to improve. I am
very much interested in you and
hope to hear from you again soon.
Yours very truly,
C. Demarey

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Oct 24. 1864

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✓
Gen Matthews Esq
Camp

Sir

✓
I have your favor of 20th inst.
Was requested to enclose Cert of exemption
from B. Banks, 25th Sept. 1864 \$1400.00

Col Banks will run no risk with
his Cotton & teams until he reaches the San
Antonio River. In the meantime he
can send my exemption to Epistola,
Re Hill County & obtain Major Hoke's permit
from Major A. C. Cabell, who is stationed
here for the purpose of accompanying this
party traveling by the lower road.
Col Banks has obtained his permit going
North in much less time than from San
Antonio -

Very respectfully
Yours
A. C. Cabell
Capt

✓ Asson Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Houston Oct 24 1864

✓ Mr. H. Gibson Esq
✓ Council

Sir.

I have your favor of 10 24 64 & have
been expecting it -

I now enclose Cert of 1 & Exemptions
to Mr. Clark - 26 Apr 1865. 82
to Mr. Parks - 26 Apr 1865. 82

Also I have to certify your name
to go to Brownsville & return.

I have written to Col Broadwell in relation
to the order on Houston County for \$200.
If it proves, as I think it will, that I was
intended as a payment to King & Co. at
Beaumont, I will instruct Mr. Jones, to
give it to you in Houston - But I must
hear from Col Broadwell first.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Wells

Col. H. Wells

Capt. H.

The steamer The Davis

was sold today for \$2000 - Col. H. H.
being purchaser - Capt. H. & his

✓ Letter Duncan Rept from Mass
Haverhill Oct 24. 1864

J. S. Cooke Esq. et al.

Wampfield

Sir,

I have your favor of 1st inst. & now
enclose bill of & exemption.

To G. W. Hunt

50¢ - \$24.72

The papers for S. A. Haynie & B. L. Peck, were
to you by Saturday's mail -

Very respectfully

Wm. C. Wells

Wm. C. Wells

Wm. C. Wells

✓ Letter Duncan Rept from Mass
Haverhill Oct 24. 1864

H. F. John Esq. et al.

Richmond,

Sir,

I have your favor of 22nd inst. & now
enclose bill of & exemption.

To H. W. Hunt

25¢ - \$10.65

The detail of Hunt's "negro boy" "Green"
has been refused at West Virginia on the
ground that he had been taken for a
special purpose -

Very respectfully

Wm. C. Wells

Wm. C. Wells

Wm. C. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Alms
Houston Oct 24. 1864

Sam Houston Esq. of
Alleyton -

I have your favor of 21st inst. with
in duplicate. I wish you 22nd inst
for the State Stillman & King Bill of Lading
& also I now enclose you Sales for
of the delivered there - Also exemption for
of the - Retain them until I send you the
Lading & Receipt vouchers - then get them
all signed together -

I also enclose Cert of Exemption
to the
to the
to the
to the

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 24, 1864

✓
James E. Coy Capt
Houston

✓
Yours of the 20th inst is at hand.
Enclosed find receipts and
receipts as follows:
Receipts of dated Oct 20th from J. Lande for \$50.05
J. R. McBluskey 540.56
Receipts to 571 from J. R. McBluskey for 3 Bataillon
" 572 " J. Lande " " "

Very Resp
Capt J. E. Scott
Capt J. E. Wells
Capt J. E. Scott

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 24, 1864

✓
L. H. Manning Capt
Houston

✓
Yours of the 20th inst enclosing certificate
from Wm. Walker is at hand.
Enclosed find receipts of
from Wm. Walker dated 20th inst for \$772.32 and
his receipts to 574 & 575 for 1272 Bataillon
in receipt for the Bataillon -

Respyd 20th
Capt J. E. Wells
Capt J. E. Scott

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 24, 1864

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Mr. F. Monroe Esq
Independence

Sir

I have forwarded at request of Col.
J. H. Burnett of Houston, an exemption in
favor of Col. Burnett for 20 Dallas County rangers
to you at La Grange. For the County

Respectfully

Yours Det

L. L. Wells

Capt & Co

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Oct 24, 1864

Mr. F. Monroe Esq
La Grange

Sir

At request of Col. J. H. Burnett of Houston
County I enclose you exemption for 20 rangers of
Burnett for Dallas County rangers.

Respectfully

Yours Det

L. L. Wells

Capt & Co

Quartermaster's office
Harrison Oct 24, 1864

Col. John H. Barnett
Corvett

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note contents. Enclosed find certified of order Oct 18th in your favor for \$482.37-

I have as requested sent the exemption notes for eleven bales cotton to A. T. Monroe ^{at La Grange} and advised him of it at Independence -

Very Resp
Yr obt Smt
C. L. Wells
Capt 90th

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 25. 1864

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J. S. Cooke Esq. of
Hempstead.

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th but make contents -
Your receipt to Mr. Pomeroy has not yet come to hand
to R.R. have arrived as per R.R. loading, leaving 5
P.M. to come - I will send Col. Blake his
exemption -

In view of the proposed transfer of the Govt
Cotton business to the Treasury Department, by which
we will all be relieved from duty under the present
organization. I do not think it will be necessary to
make any additional cost by way of office expenses -
My work along as you have done up to this time -

I would be glad to have you make as many
contracts for Cotton as possible at once. We
will have to stop purchases shortly, but all my
exemptions issued hereafter, if based upon contracts
entered into previous to the publication of the new
Regulations will be respected - You will be
advised by circular letter when to cease
purchasing -

Very respectfully
Yours truly
L. G. Wells
Capt

Honolulu Oct 25. 1864

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A. C. Stone Esq. Of

Sanfield

Sir - I have your favor of 15th inst. and have forwarded a golden report of objects for improvement to Maj Gen Walker, with a request that he will issue the order.

Maj Gen Walker requires a sworn statement from the Agent, showing the actual number of slaves & that the owner refuses to sell. As he may decline to act in this case until the formula is gone through with, I suggest, to save time, that you call on Maj Davis at once to do the witnessing. His general orders will enable him to act without any further authority.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Hunt

Cotton Bureau Dept of War
Honolulu, Oct 25. 1864

A. C. Stone Esq. Of

Sanfield

Sir,

I have your favor of 15th inst. and have sent it to the Bureau. You will continue to ship to the Bureau until you have forwarded the Cotton I have asked for. or enough to make up the amount. Afterward you will ship all Cotton as directed by Major Davis.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Hunt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss 89
Houston, Oct 25. 1864.

A. H. Fisher Esq Esq

Sir.

Mr. McChesno has handed me your favor of 20th inst. - contents noted - This Office has no authority to settle your claim vs H. J. Ward - and I think H. J. Ward can only settle it in the manner he proposes.

In settlement of your own claims I enclose vouchers which you will please sign & return.

No. 11 - Your Bill of Repairs - \$1,571.80 -
No. 44 - Sales & Sales Inferior Cotton 845.00
Balance due you in old currency
for which you will please draw on me } \$666.80

No. 52 - Your acct for services as agent - \$126.40
No. 54 - Sales & Refutation - notes
Exemptions for 6 Bales -
\$1.109 for 3 - 4.000 for 3) 126.40

This settlement is the best that can be made under the circumstances - & I trust will prove satisfactory. At the time the damaged Cotton was repaired it was expected that the sales of pickings would pay the your expense of Repairs -

Your Cotton outside your desire to report, beyond the Bales exempted above, can only be exempted by turning over to Mr. McChesno. Yrs

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Kelly

Chas. H. Kelly

Chas. H. Kelly

Estes Boman, Dept Home Miss
Houston, Oct. 25. 1864

Capt. W. A. Lee Agt
Beaumont

Capt,

The Tex & G. O. R. D. cars, by
request, sufficient to bring away the goods
which you have at Beaumont - Please
have it loaded in time to come by return
of train.

Respectfully
Yours
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Agt. C.

Estes Boman Dept Home Miss
Houston, Oct. 25. 1864

Wesley H. Lane & Son
Orange

Delivery to Tex & G. O. R. D.
for transportation to Houston, all the
cattle you have ready for shipment.

Respectfully
Yours
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Agt. C.

✓ Central Bureau Dept of Ohio 91

Houston Oct 25. 1874 ✓

J. S. Cooke Esq. Lt.
Memphis

Sir.

I have your favor of 22nd inst &
now enclose Cert of Exemption.

✓ John S. Smith 10 B.C. of \$10.00
✓ A. H. Hammond 5, 398.20

W. W. Brownings receipt only arrived
to-day - will forward his exemption
to you tomorrow.

Very respectfully

G. C. Wells

Capt. R.

✓ Central Bureau Dept of Ohio

Houston Oct 25. 1874

J. S. Wedder Esq. Lt.
San Antonio

Sir.

I have your favor of 22nd inst & have
enclosed Cert of Exemption.

Lee & Salinger 3 B.C. - \$40.00

Very respectfully

G. C. Wells

Capt. R.

Eastern Bureau Dept of Agric
 Staunton Oct 20 1884

A. W. Quinn Esq Esq
 La Grange,
 Ga.

I have your two favors of 22nd
 & now enclose one
 of 23rd & 24th inst.

E. S. Wallace	20/10	\$100.56
E. S. Penn	5	25.00

You will please pay no attention to
 the permit held by Rev. James Parker
 unless it is from Genl. E. S. Smith. If
 it will do the holder no good.
 I will send a copy of your
 letter to let him know of it.
 Care -

Very respectfully
 Yr obt servt
 C. S. Smith
 Capt. F.

✓ Col. R. B. Rouse Dept of this 94
Manitou Oct 25. 1894 ✓

✓ Thomas R. Rouse & Proch
Columbia, ✓

✓
also. I have your favor of 20th but I
am unable to get eye & description
of. Case - 40 579. 46 579. 3 579. 66

Mr. J. Willis' permit is necessary - but
you can obtain it from Mr. J. S. Cabell
of Columbia, he has the where he has been
stationed for the accommodation of the
public.

Very respectfully
J. S. Cabell
A. S. R.

✓ Col. R. B. Rouse Dept of this
Manitou. Oct 25. 1894

✓
John J. Willis Esq
Chicago, ✓

also. I have your favor of 20th but I
am unable to get eye & description
of. Case - 40 579. 46 579. 3 579. 66

Very respectfully
J. S. Cabell
A. S. R.

Catharine Bureau Dept of Ohio
 Houston Oct 20. 1864

A. C. Baker Esq
 Chappell Hill.

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th Inst & note
 contents - I now enclose sent a/c?
 & by express.

A. C. Baker

in R/C.

\$470.87

J. W. Rountt

6.

865.25

H. Thompson

5.

185.77

As I have no facilities for sending you
 the money, I would prefer that you
 would receipt the vouchers & send them
 here by some one for collection.

The Maymie & Put papers were sent to
 Agent Clarke some days ago -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. C. Wiley

Oct 20.

Catharine Bureau Dept of Ohio.
 Houston, Oct 20. 1864

Capt A. C. Baker

Will forward to you as soon as
 all business of this office - and return
 as early as practicable -

C. C. Wiley

Oct 20. 1864

W. C. Wiley

Col. H. B. Duncan Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston, Oct 26 1864.

Major,

I have the honor to request that you
turn over to this Bureau for temporary use
two four mule teams wagons, complete,
for the purpose of transporting arms & am-
munition & the baggage of the 38
negroes in their employ from Orange
to Sineepork. By contract with
the Cotton Bureau (Lt. Col. Broadwell) they
are to be furnished with the transportation
above stated. They brought down by Cotton
to Orange on flat boats in June last, & have
remained there since that date constantly
employed in repacking the Cotton - They
are now nearly through their work and are
ordered to return to Dulachi on the Sabine
River to remove some Rules Cotton by
the next rise of the river - I wish them
to do so they will receive the services of the
bureau, & their nothing, apparatus, which
cannot be removed without the above
transportation. Capt. J. S. Hall will
explain any other particulars.

I trust, Major, you will give the Bureau the
transportation, in view of the importance of the
work.

If you do not feel warranted
in doing so, may I request you to lay
this request before the Maj. Gen. Lawson

Very respectfully
Yours
H. B. Duncan
Audenreid
Supt.

Yours
J. S. Hall
Capt. Hall
Capt. Hall

Eastern Bureau Dept of War 98
Houston Oct 26. 1864

Majors. L. C. Thomas
Cty Com. 3rd. West. Dist. Tex
Waco, Tex.

Majors. I am requested by Maj. A. S. Gehlbach
of Tex. to report back to you -
W. H. Griffith, aged 39 yrs. blue eyes - light hair -
fair complexion. Capt. 1st Reg. Victoria of
Alabama - occupation merchant -
residence Victoria County. detailed
to Maj. S. West. July 30. 64 - by L. L. Smith
busselling officer & afterwards on duty
with the Bureau -
as he is not now at work under his detail -

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Griffith
Co. G. 1st Reg. Ala.
Sept 10

✓ Eastern Bureau Dept of War
Houston Oct 26. 1864

Reb. W. H. H. H. H.
Milligan,

Sir.

I have your favor of 20th inst. and have
considered it - I will send some digging &
hope as soon as possible - I do not
see how I can give you an explanation
in payment of your account - But
on your part of the Bureau & I will
do what can be done.

Very respectfully
Wm. H. Griffith

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston Oct 26 1864 ✓
A.P. Chandler Esq. Sir -
Texas.

Dear Sir. I have your favor of 20th but have
contents.

The Walker claiming to be W. H. Buchanan
of 50 Pales & saying of 25th can be accepted
in fulfillment of his contract with you
for 50 Pales provided he has made
no additional contract with W. H. Buchanan.
Upon examination I cannot find that he
has made any contract except with you

Very respectfully

W. H. Wells
Comptroller

✓ Houston, Oct 26. 1864
W. H. Stewart Esq.
Purchaser.

Dear Sir.

I have your letter of 20th but of
Col. Broadwell, & in his absence write
you to say that Dr. W. H. Leitch re-
moved from here some six months
ago.

I think you may hear of him at
Independence. There is no other
mentioned in this part of Texas so far as
I know.

Very respectfully
W. H. Wells

✓ Cotton Bureau left from New
 ✓ Houston Oct 26. 1864

Major H. S. Cabell Genl.
 Houston

Myrs.

I have your favor of 20th of 10th inst.
 into note contents.

I send you a lot Blank Certificates
 in another Package by mail.

I have reported Private Jiffett back
 to Maj. Thomas, Chf. of Conscription office,
 West. Dist. Texas.

Arnold at Allyn
 is not an Agent of this Bureau.

I am glad to know you have made
 arrangements to ship the Government stuff
 on all vessels leaving the lower bay.

The new law of Congress & President's Regu-
 lations place the whole Cotton business in
 the hands of Major Gray Agent of Treasury
 Dept for Texas this I trust he will
 soon organize and relieve us all of the
 business.

I am probably worse off for clerks
 than you can be, & I cannot find a man
 to assist you. I apprehend the difficulty
 you find in obtaining one is for want of
 specie pay. I have no authority to
 order specie payments. The manager &
 work along here get on very well.
 A detail to some young man would be
 the only way to provide counsel.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. S. Webb

Leath

Labra Room on Sept 27 Nov
Houshou Oct 26. 1864

Major A. H. Hill
San Antonio

The King & Co. their various firms and
making considerable Cotton from the South it
is necessary to facilitate their movements as
much as possible - They export considerable
Cotton via the Home Bays & Capes Coast.
I they inform me that C. Henscheidt & Co.
they have their Cotton off because it is
not protected by your permits - Are they
authorized by you to do so? If you have
no one to represent you there I would
recommend you to appoint one you approach
the W. B. Thimble (and C. L. Mission) &
arrange time to give permits for our
certificates. This would enable King &
to see their water transportation that the
same time giving every most your orders

Does not know the identity of
 author of this anonymous letter.
 C. C. Walker
 Wash D C

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Affairs
Houston Oct 26. 1862

Wm. D. G. Miller
San Antonio
Wm. D. G.

I have your favor of 20th inst.
asking for originals of Certificates as
sent to you by J. A. Lee at Eagle
Pass - I find by reference to J. B. Lee's
report to Genl. Sherman that the claims
of J. B. McChesnut Co for 1000 Bales has
been wholly satisfied, the whole 1000
Bales having been accepted - I wish
to copy McChesnut's certificates issued
at San Antonio -

I now enclose -
J. B. McChesnut's Certificates favor of
J. B. Lee - 1000 Bales - of date
Jan. 1. 1862
J. B. McChesnut
J. B. Lee

Also -
Base McChesnut's Co. being sent at 1000 Bales
Special Agent at Eagle Pass - Texas
by Genl. Sherman. To certify 1000 Bales
Sincerely
J. B. Lee
J. B. Lee
J. B. Lee

Eastern Revenue Dept San Antonio
Houston Oct 26. 1854

Wm. A. Gillet
San Antonio

Wm. A. Gillet

I have your favor of 20th but with
enclosures - I now enclose official
Certificates of Exemption.

# 40 -	Irish Dale	CRPC	Jacob Gt.
40 -	Reina & Co.	180	Canover
40 -	H. Springfield	100	Coake
42 -	Waples & Co.	25	Cunningham
44 -	W. S. Candy	5	Hootman

I for E. C. Hutchins - as he will sign
no more exemptions himself -

# 45 -	W. B. Anderson	400	Horne Gt
46 -	A. S. Davis	5	

I return Mr. W. Walker, CRPC - Jacob Gt.
as I find I issued a regular exemption on
Aug 22nd of 1854 on the above certificate.

I request that Col. Paradise yield to
the regulations of justice & changed the mode
of obtaining your permits. I saw that it
was open for error & to secure ourselves
against imposition & possible loss it would
have been better to adhere to original plan.

My Counselor advises me that he sends his
affidavits direct to San Antonio City and are
rejected by you. If by any chance, the
exemptions are duplicated, I cannot
be held responsible.

Very respectfully
Yours
C. C. Kelly

Leatherman kept to this
 ✓ Haverhill Oct 26. 1864
 ✓ W. S. Hanning Esq. Cys
 Prairie Plains

Sir,

I have your two favours of 22nd & 23rd inst
 I now enclose Cert of C & Exemptions
 Platoon Brigade 5th Regt - of 239.07
 G. Lewis 1. 60. 12
 W. S. Hanning 5. 200. 50

also a lot of blank certificates
 for Baled Cotton

I make up Mr G. Lewis acct as
 for seed Cotton as the amount of
 Digging & Ropes required is the same
 as if it had to be packed away.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. C. Kelly

Coapt

✓ Cotton Bureau Receipt No 405

Houston Oct 26. 1864 ✓

John McMiller Esq
Washington

Sir,

I have your favor of 20. Thank
you, much. As I am
responsible for funds sent by Express
I would prefer you would receipt
the certified check enclosed and
send it down for collection. I
will pay it to any party you send
it to - Amount \$400.00.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Receipt No 405

Houston Oct 26. 1864

W. H. White Esq Capt
Anderson

Sir,

I have your favor of 20. Thank
you, much. As I am
responsible for funds sent by Express
I would prefer you would receipt
the certified check enclosed and
send it down for collection. I
will pay it to any party you send
it to - Amount \$400.00.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

✓ Col. Lincoln Dept of War
 Hampton Oct 26. 1864
 J. S. Coates Esq. of
 Hempstead

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th (4) 1864
 but note contents. I enclosed
 set of Blank Reports & Blank receipt
 for Baggage & Hops. Baggage & Hops
 will be sent you as early as possible.

All the Cert. of Exemptions
 have gone forward to Chappell Hall
 except the following now enclosed.

E. H. Chappell	104.00	104.00
J. W. Collins	8.00	112.00
W. S. Rogers	5.00	117.00

Very respectfully

Wm. S. Wells

Co. G. 1st Regt.

Sept 1864

Canton Bureau Dept of War
 Canton Oct 26. 1864
 R. L. Stone Esq
 Springfield

Sir. I have your favor of 22nd inst -
 & note contents -

I enclose Cert of ~~receipt~~ ^{received}
 John R. Huchaby 20th of \$2568.94
 George Rollen 21. 2324.60

The error arose on account of no
 mention being made on your receipts
 whether you had supplied Bag & Rope
 or not -

I have heard of a Mr. French - as
 agent for S. L. Lewis & Co. - buying
 Cotton to import Railroad Supplies. But
 unless their authority is approved by
 Genl Beauregard or Genl Smith it
 will not be respected -

Very nearly

Yours truly

C. G. Wall

Capt &c

Cashier Bureau Dept of War 108
Washington, Oct 26 1864

Capt H.B. Lee Esq
Pennsylv

Sir,

I enclose Invoices & Receipts -
not the how this - 80 lbs of Distillings -
also dry goods from Moore & Smother -
Please sign Receipt return to me -

Very respy

Yours at

C. G. Wells

Asst Sec

Cashier Bureau Dept of War
Washington Oct 26. 1864

Proc Stones Esq Esq
Pennsylv

Sir,

I enclose Cert of Receipt & Receipts
J. S. Campston 1864 - \$644.88

Very respy

Yours at

C. G. Wells

Asst Sec

✓ Col. Roman Dept. to Miss
Harrison Oct 26. 1864

W. H. Harrison Esq.
Chapin Hill

✓
Sir,

I have compared of 20 that
were contents.

I make your desire for Baggs
to pay you 30 lbs - for one of
your neighbors. Have entered
the order & will send you the
Baggs & Rope as early as possible.

I enclose Certified account and
Receipts - 66 - 10 lbs of 1002.00
- 60 - " " 100.00

I have no new currency - but
can pay the old currency adding
50 per cent for legal discounts -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Chapin Hill

Custom Bureau Dept of War
 Houston Oct 26. 1864

Capt A. P. Griffin
 Galveston.

Dear Sir - Your account re Texas
 Custom Office at Houston - You have
 made a slight error of \$640 - The
 sum of 84 R/C = 43.400 ~~at~~ a 6% is \$2064.30
 according to your account - while it
 should be as stated in our ledger \$2,064.30
 leaving unaccounted for \$570.00
 Please correct it - Please also send
 me Capt Davis Certified account for 1864 -
 being for the Rife you turned over to Maj
 Kellensberg - Capt D. says he gave you
 the vouchers when you handed him Kellensberg's
 Receipts - When you next come up
 will get you to sign the new vouchers.

Very respectfully

Wm. G. Hall
 Capt &c

Acknowledge the same

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Houston, Oct. 27. 1864

Mr. W. Randolph Esq
Birmingham.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst enclosing
Major Cabell's letter in regard to the seizure of 6000
claimed to be Gen. State Cottons - I have no authority
in the matter - Major A. H. Willie at San Antonio
is the only officer who has the right to seize Cottons,
and he can only do so upon the affidavit of Mr. Stewart
that the Cotton is actually the property of the State
of Louisiana & is being exported for its sole use and
benefit & that no third party or private person has
any interest whatever in the Cotton except for
freight money - the amount of freight should be
stated - Upon giving this oath with Major
Willie he will issue the permit - You had
better have such an affidavit made at once
and sent to him - I return Major Cabell's
letter,

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. S. Cabell

Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston Oct 28. 1864 -

John Holston Esq Cpt
Alleyton

Sir -

I have your favor of 24th inst with
enclosure - I have searched high
low for the invoice of Ho Bales Bagging
450 coils Rope, King & Co. I cannot find
it. I must ask you to send me a duplicate.
The prime cost should be stated - & that
the addition of 15% to invoice can be verified.
I enclose in settlement of M. P. Pickett & Co.
49.22 - Freight acct - \$1492.27
- 44. Sales 25 Bales Cotton - 1514.24 -
Exemption 10.164. 25 Bales Cotton -
Collect Balance - have vouchers signed
in return to me -

I send you some large Envelopes by mail
Very respy
D. G. Wells
Capt

Private

Huntston Oct 24. 1864

Dear Genl

✓ I have given several orders of \$5000 to 24th Inst from Austin - and thank you for your kind offer to urge Genl Slaughter's application for me - Until I can settle my accounts it will be useless for me to think of any new position.

The arrangement with McKinney has never had my private sanction, but in view of its probable use in closing out old indebtedness I feel that you have done well to set him at work with increased energy - His activity will go far towards satisfying the old claims, such as Abigail Russell & others - and I will do all I can to facilitate him with this end in view - However, the work seems interminable & I can hardly hope for relief if I am to see it wound up -

Col Ketchum did not accept - He reports that Judge Gray seems indisposed to continue in his position as Treasury Agent and has tendered his resignation - That Judge Gray does not feel authorized to appoint any one until he has heard from Richmond - I

know that Mr. Soley has offered his services for term -
 & Judge Gray has not accepted them. He telegraphed
 Col H. two days ago that his refusal had created
 great confusion - & urged him to reconsider - Col H.
 again declined & so the matter stands - Genl S.
 will soon issue orders to us to stop purchasing
 Cotton - He has confirmed, verbally, all permits
 already issued, & will designate a date - Febry 1st
 '65 - when Maj. Willie shall cease issuing permits.
 All our contracts up to the date of his proposed
 order will be completed under our rules -
 Col H. has been directed to stop purchasing
 goods, except Guns, Powder & Cops -
 I think with this programme issued to us we
 will almost, if not quite, hang up. Upon the
 whole our chaps. nat. have any particular reason
 to regret the change - At Dept Hd Qrs they
 seem satisfied that the supplies already hang-
 will be adequate - & this will be something to
 look to as an earnest of what might have been
 done if they had let us alone - I think
 you had better come to Hanover - I want
 to see you - So does Col H. & your presence
 will have a good effect - You can go to Shreveport
 afterwards -
 Very truly yours C. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Oct. 28. 1864

D. C. War Exp C^o
 Hillman.

Sir.

Deliver to Mr. L. J. Fletcher enough
 Cotton, at schedule prices to amount to \$485.00
 Four hundred and eighty five ⁰⁰/₁₀₀ dollars.
 one Plantations. Take duplicate memorandums
 receipts, stating lots of Cotton by names of
 meadows, Bales weight & classification - and
 send one Receipt to this office.

Schedule prices
 Ordinary 10¢
 Good body 12¢
 Low Middle 15¢
 Middling 17¢
 Good Middle 18¢

Very respectfully
 Yours at
 C. C. Wells
 Capt & agt
 Actg C^o

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Haverton, Oct. 28. 1864.

D. C. Ware Esq. Of.
Hillman.

Sir.

I am instructed by Col. Broadwell to direct you
to ship all the Govt Cotton acquired by you in Arizona
County to Mr. H. W. Perkins, Wabamona, to be used
by him to satisfy the certified accounts held by
Boulton, Riggs & Walker. Consequently you will
insert this name in your future bills of lading
in place of John White, - the White having failed
to advance the supplies in payment of which I
directed you to ship Cotton to Mr. Perkins. By this
will I desire Mr. Perkins to apply the Cotton hereafter
sent him for Mr. White, to the payment of Boulton, R & W.
All the Cotton coming into your possession must
be forwarded as above, with the exception of enough
to pay any order given of Walker for \$4000 or more
in favor of Mr. Hamell. Send me one copy of
bill of lading as usual.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

E. C. Wall

Capt. A. M. act. of.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
Harrisburg, Oct 28. 1864

Capt H. H. Lang, of
Harrisburg.

Sir.

I am instructed by Genl. Broadwell to direct you to ship all the Gt Cotton required by you in Falls County, to Mr. H. H. Perkins, Commr. U.S. C.S. at Matamoros, Mexico, to be applied by him to the payment of Boul duie, Rigget & Halberd's certified accounts. You will in future state on your Refunding to be applied to payment of Boul duie, Rigget & Halberd's, to Mr. Perkins, to whom I write by this mail, may not misapply the Cotton. None of the Cotton coming into your hands, must be diverted from this purpose.

Send me one copy of Refunding as usual.

(Enclosure)

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Capt & Agent

Ref. U.S.

Castro, Mexican Dept Trans Meas
 Mexico, Octo 28. 1864

Col H. H. Poole.

U. S. Comm. Cpl.

Matamoros, Mexico -

Sir -

I have been directed by Col Prosser to instruct the Agents of Brown Co (Mr. D. C. Keen) and Falls Co (Capt H. H. Lang) to ship all the Govt Cotton acquired in these Counties to you, to be applied to the payment of Bouldin Riggs & Walhens' certified acct. All the Cotton heretofore received, or to be received, by you for application to Mr. John Chiles' acct, it to be used by you to pay Bouldin, & Mr. Chiles having failed to introduce the Supplies the Cotton was intended to pay for.

For all the Cotton thus received by you you will give me Official Receipts -

I do not know that there is any hold regular receipts yet from Col. Hutchins - & if not you will require them to produce them, or equally good vouchers but it has paid the 500 lbs. valued at \$21.84. 29 which amount you will deduct from the account held by them - Col Prosser directs me to say that no part of this Cotton must be diverted from this purpose until this account is paid -

Cotton Bureau Dept James Vicks
 Haver Oct 28. 1864 -

I certify that Lt. Col W. S. Hutchins Gen. & Chief
 of Texas Cotton Office, paid to Messrs Bouldin,
 Riggs & Walker, at Alleghen, on May 9th 1864 -
 (500) Five hundred Bales Cotton, as stated
 below, valued at (\$ 21,964.29) Twenty one
 thousand, nine hundred and sixty four ^{29/100}
 dollars - as a payment on account of certified
 accounts, due there for Army Supplies furnished
 by them to James Vicks, Dept -

say -

349 Bales	Ordinary	at 2.50 lb. a 5/10	\$ 12,791.50
120 "	Good Only	at 2.50 lb. a 5/10	6,409.40
26 "	Low Middling	at 2.50 lb. a 5/10	1,575.97
6 "	Middling	at 2.50 lb. a 5/10	220.40
<u>500 Bales</u>			<u>\$ 20,964.29</u>

C. C. Wells

Capt. Vicks

Atty. Gen.

Done at request of

Gen. W. S. Hutchins

Copy furnished to Col. H. H. Perkins

C. S. Leonard of H. H. Perkins

as a guide for final settlement

Central Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Hamilton Oct 28. 1864

Carl H. Boulton,
 Austin

Sir - I have the honor to acknowledge
 receipt of your favor of 24th inst with enclosed letter
 of Col Broadwell - I now send you enclosed.
 Copy of my letter to H. H. Lang, Austin, 24th Inst. C.
 D. B. Keen, Helican, Progreso.
 W. H. Perkins, Consul Gen. at Tampico.

Official statement of \$50000 paid you by Col Broadwell -
 which I trust will prove satisfactory - I think they
 fully cover the points indicated in Col Broadwell's letter &
 will meet your wishes in securing the payment of
 the indebtedness to you.

You can inform yourself of the resources of the
 the country out of which it is prepared to pay you - I
 have given only one order - a small one in favor of
 what I have proceeded of you.

I remain, Sir, very respectfully
 Yours truly
 J. C. Caldwell

original of above
 letter one each by
 mail -

do Caldwell
 Capt. V. A. G.
 Oct. 28.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Havannah, Oct 28. 1864.

Consignment Box "Josephine".

I enclose By Reading Dr / a 40 lb Cotton for
Box "Josephine" bound for Jamaica or a market.
shipped on account of the Confederate States -
as the vessel may reach a port where there is no
Commercial Agent of the U.S. I consign the Cotton
to you for reshipment to Col. C. J. Nelson, C. S. Consul
Agent at Havana, if practicable, or for sale at best
advantage; if the reshipment cannot be made -
In case of shipment you will reimburse yourself for
freight & charges by your draft on Col Nelson - In
case of sale remit him the proceeds in gold
Exchange & send me a copy of the acct and
letter of remittance - In either case advise him
the the Cotton, or funds, is for on credit of the
War Department and for my official credit.
Your attention will please remember many
obligations - I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Capt & Agt at Hav.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss.
Haverton, Octo 28. 1864.

Genl G. S. Helms,
C. S. Consul Aft. Havana -

Sir -

I have the honor to state that I have shipped
for 3000 'Josephine' 1000 of a Red Sea Cotton - The
vessel is bound for Tampico, but as she must make
any port she can reach, I have instructed the consignee
to reship to you if practicable - if not to sell & remit
the proceeds to you in good exchange - You will
please place the Cotton or funds to the credit of the War
Dept for the supply of this Department - as it now
belongs to the War Dept should not be sent to Spain
for credit of the Treasury Dept. as Secretary Jencks
last instructions direct - Genl Hatchins has not
accepted the Treasury Agency. no other person has
yet been designated for the position. It will probably
be some time before any Treasury Cotton will be
acquired for shipment - My efforts to ship by
Steamers have proved ineffectual, & I think it is not
probable we shall be able to do so until our debts
to them are paid,

Very respectfully
Yours truly

C. G. Helms, Capt & Agent.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Oct 28. 1864

A. M. Miller Esq Esq
Crockett

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th - last with
duplicate certificate re. Alu Hong At Stock -
The original has not yet been presented - Will it
do? -

I have just rec^d. Mr. Leavitt's detail, &
now enclose an official copy endorsed with
an order to report to you for duty - As
the whole Cotton business will shortly be placed
in the hands of the Treasury Dept. I trust
that you will hold on to the agency until
relieved by the change - With Mr. Leavitt
to assist you, you can manage to last out the
Bureau with little trouble - Orders have
previously been sent Mr. L. to report to you.

✓ Letter Bureau Dept of War. 124

Houston Oct 28. 1864 ✓

Alfred Cunningham Perry,
Richmond.

Sir,

I have your favor of 19th Inst in regard to detail of four negroes - On examination I find they are not in the employ of this Bureau, and as they are conscripted I cannot apply for their name.

Very respectfully

Yours truly
E. G. Wells

(Capt &c)

Letter Bureau Dept of War

Houston Oct 28. 1864

E. J. Randle Esq,
Pineham.

Sir,

I have your favor of 24th Inst. in regard to Capt Henry Cotton - I have no authority to make the arrangement proposed, but can confidently refer you to Col. J. M. McKim, Special Agent, at Austin, who can facilitate Capt Cotton in the manner he desires. I return the letter -

Very respectfully

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept of Agric
Houston Oct 28. 1884

✓ Mr. Baker Esq
Chappell Hill,

Sir -

I have your favor of 24th Inst. I cannot find any entry of a J. E. Smith lot of set Bales. On 25th Inst I sent J. S. Cook after Exemptions for J. E. Smith 16 Bales & A. D. Hammond 8 Bales. If these are the papers you refer to, you probably have them now, as Mr Cook has acknowledged receipt. I had no directions to send them to Chappell Hill, & as usual in such cases sent them direct to the agent who issued the certificates.

Very respy

G. W. Wells

C. W. Wells

Chappell

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Ohio

Mauston Oct 28. 1864

J. H. Williamson Esq

Capt for Mrs E. A. Palmer.

Staffords Point.

Sir,

Capt Palmer has sent me your letter
to him of 15th Sept in regard to your
to B. Cotton - but you do not say what
you want to know.

On Sept 22nd I received from Staffords
Point 6 Bales Cotton - no mark - when
dressed & weighed it turned out

6 Bales	Good ordinary	445 lb
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1	Low Middling	45 lb
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6	Middling	2045 lb
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6 Bales		2.045 lb
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If this was your Cotton you have
not yet got a receipt from the York
I will issue an exemption receipt for
the Cotton upon the return of this
letter.

Very respectfully

E. A. Palmer
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept of Ohio
Hannan Oct 28. 1864

Samuel Gray Esq
West Liberty

Sir.

I have your favor of 25th Inst. -
also the 40 of Cotton - I cannot
just make out the marks & cannot
tell you how to describe it any better
than you have done - Probably the
Agent at Cold Spring will send
me a B. of Loading which will enable
me to keep my Books correctly -

When a wagon arrives you should
enquire from the teamster where
the Cotton came from - where planted
&c. - He will probably know all about
it - & if he does not he will enquire when
he goes home & be prepared to tell you
the next time. By getting down such
information at once you will be able
to inform me when you write.

Yours truly
Wm. Wells
Capt. T. J. J. J.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Ohio
 Hamilton, Oct 28. 1864
 J. Hayblum Esq
 Richmond

Sir -

I have your favor of 27th inst
 under contents. I give you below
 a note to Mr. John to receive your
 Cotton in the Country on the same
 terms that he does from Planters.
 No difference is made by this Office
 between merchants & planters -

Very respectfully

C. C. Wells
 Capt &c

Mr. W. L. John Esq

Please receive Mr. Hayblum's
 Cotton on the same terms as you do from
 Planters. He offers to give you conveyed
 to the place where the Cotton is stored, and
 there is no reason why his Cotton should not
 be received on Plantations,
 Oct. 28. 1864

C. C. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Havens Oct 28. 1864

W. A. J. J. Esq
Leolita

Sir,

I have your favor of 17th inst -
If you can find any one to haul the 100
bales Cotton to East Liberty, I will pay
them Govt rates in specie for the work -
at 1/2 - per pound for 100 miles - Try to have
it done for me without delay, if you please.

I do not exactly understand your question
about insurance - Any man who has
sold to an Agent of this Bureau, one half
his Cotton since July 1st 1864. can have
an exemption protecting his other half.

All the evidence I want is the certificate
of the Agent that he has received the first
half of the Cotton.

Very respectfully
Chas. E. Wells

Capt Vagon
Adj. Clk.

✓ Cotton Domain Dept Trade Miss
Waxton Oct 28. 1864

J. H. Harris Esq. Of
Sweet Home

Sir

✓ I have your favor of 25th Inst with
enclosures - I now enclose in settlement
of the J. H. Whitfield purchase -

\$100 Invoice Bagg & Rope \$402.00

200 Sales of Rf Cotton 404.50

2000 Exemption of Rf Cotton -

Please collect the \$2.50 overpaid
here - have the two vouchers signed
and return them to me -

Very respectfully

G. C. Wells
Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept of War
Houston Oct 28. 1864

✓
Maj A. S. Cabell Gen
Houston.

Major.

✓
I have your favor of 20th. but with
Ball & Hutchings & Co's permit letter - for which
I thank you - The permit will be
applied for by the wagon masters in
charge of the Cotton - You will recollect
I advised you it would be shipped by
Wm. Harris, Apt at La Grange, & that B.H. & Co's
name would be on the By Lading -

I make your endorsement of 26th of inst.
on my letter in regard to A. Candiano's
Cotton - As soon as I receive the cost
of - draft &c. from Capt Lynch I will
settle the matter as proposed & send
you the papers -

Very respy

Yours ably
C. S. Cabell
Capt &c

Central Bureau Dept. Grace Miss
Houston Oct 29. 1864

Carl. E. J. McKinney.

Special Agt. Tex C.O. Austin

Sir,

I have your favor of Sept 25. Vash 24 & 26. It
made contents. The enclosures & Col Broadwells
instructions are received and noted. I now send
you the Exemptions asked for day.

Sp. 178. Oct 29 - 125 B/C - 64.000 lbs. 3 being for
" 172 " " 95 " 47.500 " @ the 20%

I will settle for the Bagging & Rope as desired,
but you must aid me to do so in a way by which
I can account properly for its disposition - I will
want statements of purchase - giving you of Bag
with of Rope & date when also statement of Cotton
paid for it - showing Price per pound classification
& price, & from whom originally received - Also
duplicate Receipts from all the parties to whom
you delivered Bag & Rope - I enclose you a
form which you can modify to suit the case.
The prices you name for Rope are high - We
are getting Rope (Cotton) landed in Robertson Co
at 26% - If you can do no better, however,
you are warranted in doing the best you can

to facilitate the business.

To help me to aid you as Col Buchanan directs, you must instruct your agents to keep me clearly posted on all complete transactions - I do not care to know what they are doing, but when I am expected to issue an exemption & pay for Cotton, I expect to be made safe in doing so.

I enclose the regular form of receipt, upon which I issue my papers - You can modify it to suit your case -

You will understand how anxious I am to be able to keep my accounts straight & account for every bit of Baling material & every bale of Cotton, if you will reflect upon the trouble the Officers therefore in Charge of Cotton, and expending -

When you have used Dagg & Rope in Velour & Barclay's Co., & porties will take the single mates I have no objection to settle for it provided you will get me the proper vouchers. I would prefer, however, that you carry out your original plans & keep your business separate from mine as much as possible. I will assist you all I can -

Very respectfully
C. E. Smith
Capt. Co

Centre Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Hankow, Oct 29. 1864.

Advise that Ball Hatchmeyer & Co have received
from this Office in payments of Army Supplies
imported and sold by them to Govt (200) One
hundred Bales Cotton which they have laden
on board the Steamship 'Luna' - also that
this office is indebted to them a further
amount more than sufficient to cover
the cost of the (200) One hundred Bales
Cotton which they have laden on board
said Steamship in consequence of the
present inability of this Office to pay
them.

Chas G. Wells
Capt & Agent
Oct 29 1864

James Forley Esq
Customs Port of Hankow,

✓
 Col. Buncow Dept Trans Miss
 Worcester Oct 29. 1874
 Col. G. H. Moore

✓
 Hempstead
 dear

I have your favor of 26th inst. V. H.
 day Mr Locke sends me a sample of your
 cotton. It is impossible to do anything with it
 as cotton, but I may be able to find opportunity
 to ship it to Havana under the new Regulations
 & make it produce something near its value
 in a foreign market. It will not bear
 transportation overland. To facilitate your
 operations, if you desire to turn it in on your
 account I will allow you a settlement for
 it at ordinary Cotton (8¢) but give exemption
 for only half the amount received - for instance
 if you deliver me 50 Bales I will give you an
 exemption for 25 Bales, & you can make yourself
 out by applying it to, sound cotton. I do not
 know any other way to remedy the matter, & would
 prefer you not to do this unless you particularly
 desire it on the ground that the Govt. should
 aid you in disposing of it.

Very respectfully
 C. E. Wells Esq.

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Washington, Oct. 29. 1864.

J. J. Levesque Esq Esq
Hempstead

Sir -

I have your favor of 24th Inst. & do regret
Sample of India's Cotton - It is too mean to
get rid of & I would greatly prefer not to
take it at all - However, I propose to
him in the enclosed letter to take 500 Bales
from him as Ordinary - but give him only
an exemption for 25 Bales - or half the amount
he may deliver - If he accepts ~~the~~
proposition you can receipt ^{for} the Cotton as you get
it, stating on the back of your certificate that
it is inferior Cotton, to be paid for as ordinary
but only exempted for half the amount -

My only chance to do anything with it is
to send it abroad under the new Regulations
to be sold in Liverpool for best seed. It
will bear the ships freight but is not good
enough to pay its own transportation overland.

Very respectfully

C. C. Wells

Sept 10

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept To Miss
 Houston, Oct 29. 1864

✓
 J. H. Cunningham Esq. of
 Post Sullivan,

Sir,

✓
 I have your remittance of \$100.00. ✓
 note contents - I now return your certificate ✓
 of disability - also a permanent detail from Maj D. C. ✓
 Thomas, which will obviate the necessity of your visit ✓
 to Houston. I am glad to note the favorable

feeling for the Bureau in your District -

I enclose some blank receipts for Bales Cotton -
 I will try to arrange Baggage Rates via Mexico.

I enclose copy of Exemption ✓
 Edmund Archer to 90. 1268 15

I enclose Scott's report to 90. I send to Sam
 Houston by his request -

Maj. Willie has a branch of his Office at Lubbock.
 Permits can be obtained there from Maj. J. S. Cabell
 who has been stationed there for that purpose -

Very respectfully

G. B. Kelly

Co. G. Kelly

Capt. Kelly

Cotton Bureau Dept of War
Houston Oct 29. 1862

John Scott Esq
care G. W. Gay, Wheelock.

Sir,

As requested I have sent you, to
care of Maj Willie, San Antonio - your
Exemption for 10 days - I now enclosed
cert etc, for \$396¹² new currency

Very respy
C. G. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept of War
Houston Oct 29. 1862

John Scott Esq
care Maj H. H. Willie, San Antonio;

Sir -

As requested by Mr Gay of Wheelock
I send you Exemption \$1.605. in your
name for 10 days - Your certified acct
for \$396¹² I send to Wheelock care of Mr
Gay -

Very respy
C. G. Wells
Capt

Robert Ransom Dept Home Affairs
Houston, Oct 29. 1864

Wm. John Esq, Of
Richmond

Dear Sir

I have your favor of 25th Inst. I am glad you have Volants Cotton. I have a letter from Capt. Sharpshin who says he will soon be with you -

I will send you some of the Dundee Bagging on Monday morning. The ardent Ball, W. & Co.

was to be filled on Plantations, they paying the cost of getting the Cotton in - Will Currier & Co you will please do the best you can, as I have never paid them anything & they deserve consideration.

I enclose list of 8 exemptions

J. H. Herndons' 12 B/C \$499.48

Chas. E. Keary " " 385.00

R. B. Kyle's papers handed to A. Ransom -

Col. Grant seems to have known just as some - today's eyes - A lot of the Cotton paid to Virginia Union at Allegion is very unlike the sample you send me -

Very truly
C. E. Ransom
Capt

Collier Bureau Dept Home Affairs
Hawatara Oct. 29. 1864

P. Vogel Esq
Parliament

Sir -

I have your favour of 29th inst &
new value. List of exemptions -

of 100 -

of 100 -

of 426.10

of 100

of 100

of 100

of 100

of 100

Very respectfully

C. G. Webb

Capt 10

Collier Bureau Dept Home Affairs
Hawatara Oct 29. 1864

A. H. Goring Esq Esq
La Grange

Sir -

I have your favour of
28th inst & new value List of exemptions

Secretary Darling

of 100

of 100

Very respectfully

C. G. Webb

Capt 10

✓ Col. Burean Rept from Miss
Hawthorn Oct 29. 1864

✓ Maj. H. P. Bangs
Rio Grande City

Major -

✓ I have your favor of 19th but with
circumstances -

I sent you Invoice & Receipts of the 29 R/C
to Mr. Robinson some days since, I now send
two Receipts - 184 1/2 R/C, covering the late
received on McKinney's R/C - Please
sign receipts & return to me -

I enclose also R/C on the McK.
McKinney contract
J. V. Co also 2 R/C -

do do
Col. Broadwell has renewed the arrange-
ment with Col. McKinney, by which about
\$2000 additional will be sent to the
Rio Grande -

Very respectfully,
C. C. Kelly
Capt. Co.

✓ Chester Bureau Dept Home Affairs 42
Bureau, Oct 29. 1864 ✓

A. Williams Esq
Cincinnati Ohio

I have your favor of 26th Inst. & have enclosed
out go & Receipts 59¢ \$200.00
Send me the other Bagging & Rope receipts -
One is of no use to me without the other.

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

✓ Chester Bureau Dept Home Affairs
Bureau, Oct. 29. 1864 ✓

C. Reynolds Esq Esq
Baltimore

I have your favor of 25th Inst. & have enclosed

out go & Receipts
Baltimore & Boston
H. A. Thompson

59¢ 13¢ - 59¢
2 . 00. 04

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

✓
 Carter House, Sept 1st, 1864
 Houston, Tex. 29. 1864

W. H. Brown & Co.
 La Barge

200

I have your order of 1st class bonds
 on hand. I now enclose Out of your order

W. H. & Co. Cash	642	1000.00
J. H. K.aney	6	100.00

Aug 1st
 W. H. & Co.
 Cash 10

Continued from Sept 1st to this
 Houston Co. 29. 1864

W. H. & Co. Cash
 Received

200

I have your order of 1st class bonds
 on hand. I now enclose Out of your order
 amount from the 1st of August to
 August 1st.

Aug 1st
 W. H. & Co.
 Cash 10

✓ Citrus Bureau Dept. of Agr. & Hort.
 Houston Oct 29. 1884

✓ J. H. Davis Esq. Genl
 Wash. D.C.

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th inst with enclosing
 & thank you for your attention. I now enclose
 certified accounts & expenditures

Gen. H. Robinson

5 A.C.

\$140.84

Saml. Cornick

8 "

sub. by

I will try to send you the rope soon enough
 to make the purchase on you - will send the
 Manila if I can, but the article is so scarce
 that we have to take any we can get. It is

an order that the Phoenix shall receive from
 the Gov. the clothing & things necessary to put up
 their own stock of the cotton, & I hope to be able
 to send you enough to give them.

The Bailey has never sent me the certificate of
 J. H. Davis at 1884 - from your Will, please
 if you send it to me.

Very respectfully
 Genl. H. Davis
 Capt. H. B.

Esther Ruman, Dept. Gr. Mine,
Huntsville, Octo 29. 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq. Aft
Huntsville

Sir -

I have your favours of 20th 21st 26th 26th
& 25th all by to days mail - Contents noted -
Accept my thanks for your prompt arrangements
of the Smith Walker embargo - They could not
do otherwise than relieve me as they did, but it
required some pushing.

I enclose Blank Bills of Lading - also out of
J. C. Smith 25 Bales - \$1005.48
(connected) R. J. Holman 21 " 1225.48.

J. C. Smiths two Exemptions 25 Bales each
are sent to San Antonio, as requested - I will
send you the vouchers for the purchase of Pages
Hose & Sale of Cotton to him, on Monday, for
his signature -

Send me your last Certificate of Disability
& I will have your detail made so that you
will not feel any further concern about it -

Very respy

E. C. Smith

Cash &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept of Ohio 146
Houstan, Oct 29. 1864

A. G. Compton Esq
Poncha

Sir - I have your favor of 28th inst
with order on J. W. Smith & Co. for \$500.00.
Mr Alford the Agt for Trinity County being
absent, I have sent the order to Mr J. B.
Bailey Agt at Huntsville, who will receive
it & send me this certificate in a few days.
I trust you will not suffer much delay.
I will do all I can to hasten the matter.

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells
Cable Co

Cotton Bureau Dept of Ohio
Houstan, Oct 29. 1864

J. C. Smith Esq
San Antonio

Sir - At request of Mr. Bailey
I send you Exemption No. 609. 25 R/C.
No. 212. 25 R/C - the latter covering Mr.
Cotton paid you for Bagging & Ropes.

I thank you for arranging the 42 Bale
matter with Mr Bailey -

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells

Custan Bureau Dept. L. Miss
Hawthorn Oct. 29. 1864

W. H. Lang Esq. Esq.
Hawthorn

Sir - I have your favor of 24. Inst.
with enclosure.

I do not see how you can prevent the
people from shipping their exempt cotton
to San Antonio. The very fact that the
exemptions of this Office are assignable
gives them a value they would not otherwise
have. And if we do not respect the permits
entirely they are found one with another
our effectiveness. The only remedy that
suggests itself to me is that you call on
Wm. J. Sando, who is empowered to inspect, to
visit Sando Co. & assist you in buying. All
parties who do not actually hold permits
may then suffer imprisonment. A few examples
might induce the new comers to provide themselves
with exemptions rather than go to San Antonio
in search of them. I will refund you
the fee you have paid if you will send me
the same. Please to whom paid & what
sum. I send you a package of R. & L.

W. H. Lang Esq. Esq.
Hawthorn
Oct. 29. 1864
Custan Bureau Dept. L. Miss
Hawthorn

Esther Borean, Dept. of Miss.
Houston, Oct 29. 1884

J. B. Bailey Esq, Esq
Huntsville

Sir - I enclose an order drawn
by Mr. G. Compton, Dunham, on J. M. Smith
& Co. Sumpter for \$50.00. Please send for
it & forward it to Havana. Mr. Alfred
the Agent for Trinity Co. is absent at Austin
neither Mr Compton or myself can wait
until he returns. Make your certificate
in Mr Compton's name & return it to me
as early as you can -

Mr. Davis writes me that he sent
you statement, Sept 4, of \$15.00 received
from J. M. Watson, Park Co. & asks if
you have ever forwarded your certificate.
Please look into it & send your certifi-
cate when you find Mr Davis receipt.

Very truly

C. E. Kelly

Capt. R.

Crater Beacon Dept Texas Miss
 Houston Oct. 29. 1864

J. B. Bailey, Esq. Apt,
 Huntsville,

Sir.

I enclose, in settlement of the
 purchase of Bagging & Rope from
 J. C. Smith

No. 12 Bill of Bagging & Rope \$1509.40

No. 14. Sales 25 Pk Cotton 1809.00

When Mr. Smith returns please
 obtain his signature to the vouchers
 and return them to me.

I have forwarded the exemption
 to San Antonio, as requested.

Very respectfully

Wm. L. Webb
 Co. E. 1st Regt
 1st Div.

Eastern Bureau Dept Home Affairs

Houston Oct 30. 1864

Mr E. D. Scott, or any Agent of King & Co.
at Sabinetown, Texas.

Sir.

Messrs Moore & Smoker, Contractors, having just finished the delivery of Coco Bales Govt Cotton at Orange, are required to remove their negroes & working utensils from Orange to Palestine for the purpose of transporting more Govt Cotton by water to Beaumont. They will require two or more wagons to carry their baggage and tools to Palestine, and Govt transportation not being immediately available, I desire you to allow them the use of the wagons they need for this purpose. As your transportation will be returning empty from the lower Sabine country, you can afford them the assistance without injury to the interests of King & Co, and at the same time render valuable aid to this Bureau.

Very respectfully
E. D. Wells

Capt & Agt
Oct. 30.

Canton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss

Hanover, Oct 21. 1864

Mr. G. H. Hartenow Esq. of
Columbia,

Sir,

I have your favor of 28th - but & note contents.
Mr. Adriansen can get Bagging & twines from Hills' place
(Dyanna), whenever he is short. I will settle with
Hills here, upon Mr. Adriansen's receipts. I wish Col.
Ball with Bagging & twines from Hills' place - I will try to
have you sent a new supply.

I have made application for removal of detail
of J. H. & S. W. Dancy, & will forward them as soon
as received.

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt. &c.

Carlton Duncan Capt Frank Hines
Houston Oct 24. 86

Captain.

I have the honor to request the renewal of details
✓ of Pvt. J. H. Dance, Samphins' Co. Second Regt. Tex.
✓ S. H. Dance. Capt Webb's Co. unattached.

These men were detailed by order of Maj Gen Magruder
July 20. 86. for ninety days, for the purpose of repairing
the stables & other premises in Brazoria & Abilene Co.,

Their services are still necessary for this purpose & I
respectfully ask to be allowed to retain them.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Regt. C. H.

Capt A. H. Hay. A. A. S. S.

Ad Gen Dist. Tex. & Co.

Anderson, Texas.

Carton Bureau Dept Home Affairs
Haverton, Oct 31. 1864

Captain.

I have the honor to request the detail
of Negro Tyler - aged 20 - 5 ft 10 in high - Black,
belonging to S. H. Whiggins of South Bend County -

This boy is needed to assist the Depot Agents
at Richmond - the boy knew, applied for a few days
ago, having been taken away by conscription.

Some assistance is absolutely necessary and I make
this application in order to secure the boy Tyler
before he is or can be conscripted. I trust it
will be compatible with your orders to grant this
application.

Very respect

G. C. Wells

G. C. Wells

Captain

Ady. Chf

Capt H. H. Kay

Commander Negro Labor

Ady. Chf

Anderson, Texas.

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 22 1864 ✓

S.O. State Exp of
Pharos,

Sir -

I have your favor of 20th inst &
ack contents. If any one comes into your
county holding my exemption or Major Willis'
permit, he will have a right to cover any Cotton
with it. Make him show his permit first,
however -

Very respectfully

Yours at
C. C. Wells

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Oct 20 1864

Capt J. C. Twichell,
San Antonio, Texas

Capt -

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of 20th inst covering Receipts for
Major Russell 1000.00 Sept 5th 64 (Dunbar)
25.00 " 25 " (Halter)

which I now return signed.

Very respectfully

Yours at
C. C. Wells

Col. James, Dept. Gen. Wm.
Houston, Oct 29. 1864

I certify, that Bell, Hutchings & Co, have received from this Office in payment of Army Supplies provided and sold by them to Government before the 3^d October 1864. (\$200) I have advanced Sales Cotton which they have taken on board the Steamship 'Hawa' - also that this Office is indebted to them, from importations made before the 3^d October 1864. a further amount more than sufficient to cover the cost of the cargo since purchased Sales Cotton which they have taken on board said Steamship in consequence of the increased inability of this Office to pay them.

C. B. Wells
Capt. & Agent
Oct. 29.

James S. Jones Esq
Collector Port of Charleston.

Letter Received Sept from Miss
Hutchins Oct 21. 1864

John F. Hatchins Esq. of
Albany.

Sir -

I return you the remittance for charges
on bonds received and forwarded at Albany as
well as Hutchins' refusal to allow them -

Aug 20. 64 - 101.00

Sept 20 -

52.50

of 10.00

As Hutchins remarks that your exemption
from field duty is in part compensation of your
services, and as your actual charges are paid in
full you should not demand anything on the
score of a Quartermaster at Albany and also
to do the work for his monthly pay -

Sincerely

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Capt. 70

You will understand that when you put these bills in I
am greatly obliged not to follow

✓
 Captain Duncan Dept of the Navy
 Washington Oct 26. 1864

J. S. Cooke Esq. Jr.
 Hempstead

Sir -

I have your favor of 25th inst. and
 I find that Col S. R. Black
 is only charged in his certified account for
 1000 lbs Bagging - for the Rope - As I sent him
 250 lbs Bagging - 250 lbs " " is due to me
 and 250 lbs Rope is owing to him -
 If you have any Rope on hand please return
 the enough to make up the two 250 lbs
 back from him 1000 lbs Bagging - to make
 the matter right - If you have no Rope
 on hand I will try to arrange some to
 cover the matter -

Very respectfully
 Wm. A. R. Black
 Captain

✓
 Letter Received Sept from this
 Houston Oct 22. 1864

Mr. Wm. Howard Esq. of
 Hilbert

Sir.

I have your favor of 25th last under notice.
 I trust you will succeed in getting Ryan's money
 as it is rather important.

The change in the Bureau will not affect
 our obligations for about three months. We
 will have ~~time~~ time to close up. All new
 transactions in Texas will be under the Treasury
 Department in charge of Judge May. We
 will not have anything to do with it - but
 this time has declined the Agency.

My expectations will be good hereafter
 when I have an ~~any~~ contract made previous
 to the change. I will make a circular
 letter as soon as I can get orders from
 the Treasury about the manner of
 closing the business.

Very respectfully
 C. G. Wells
 Capt. &c.

Cotton Bureau Oct 24 This
Houston Oct 24, 1864.

Capt. A. D. Lee Agt
Bureau

Capt.

I have your favor of 20th inst.
note contents. Thank you for your
efforts in the half of this office.

I will receive Cotton from Mr. Caldwell
in Jasper County, but I must get you to
undertake its removal for me. As soon
as you send me your receipt for Bales &
pounds & classification - I will make out the
exemption & forward it to Mr. Caldwell
whenever he may desire it.

If Capt. Stone has not already done so
please take measures to remove the
lot of Bales & Stone, near Sabine Town

Very respectfully
Yours truly
W. C. Wells
Capt.

not sent

R B No 1 - 1896 ✓ 160

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, October 24. 1864.

General.

I have the honor to enclose an official
copy of Gen Smith's - Lieut. G. S. Vang. - voucher for
Pay & Traveling Expenses - \$2500 00.

" " Maj. Gen. Hagenbeck's order to pay - Aug 26. 64
" " Lt. Col. Broadwell's " " " " 17.

These papers are submitted at your request, and to
show my authority for making the payments.

For your information, I have the honor to state
that when the order was first presented to me by Lt.
Smith I declined to pay it on the ground that I
would have no sufficient voucher. This was
probably about 25th Aug. On Aug 26th Lt. Smith
had a voucher made up in my office, amounting to
\$2500 00 in payment of which I gave him a draft
of \$2500 sight on the H. B. Pothins, Special Agt of
the San Dept at Matamoros, Mexico, upon Lt. Smith's
promise that he would send to Galveston for the money.
He did send Capt. Harrison to Galveston, and as I
was called to Galveston the same day I met Capt.
H. both at your Hotel, and at Paul, Slaughter's
house. At that place the subject of his
mission to Galveston was spoken of, & I recollect

saying that I would not pay the voucher in its present
state. At my request Genl. A. C. Jones

gave me official copies of Genl.
Magna's order of Augt 26, having first examined
that it was on the orderbook. My recollection is
that he refused to approve the voucher, but I can-
not say whether I asked him to do so or not.

Dr. Smith had written to Genl. Slaughter & myself
by Capt. Harman. My impression then was that the
Dr. Taylor was on the subject of the voucher, as I had
expressed it upon Dr. Smith's mind that it must be
approved or I would not be protected in the payment.

I was at Genl. Slaughter's house when he read Dr. S.
letter & expressed his willingness to approve the voucher
in full payment or as a part of Genl. Magna's order,
but subject to the issue of Rations allowed as called
for in the order. He said if the rations were left
out he would approve it. Accordingly on
August 30th a new voucher was made up for
\$1002.00 (as you copy enclosed) and a new draft
given in lieu of the one dated Augt 25. On my
next visit to Calneatan, some days previous to 6th
September, I took the voucher to Genl. Slaughter,
myself and obtained his signature. I
believe these are all the facts in the case as they

came to my knowledge. I would have been glad
to be relieved from making the payment, but I
received the order of Genl. Abagmash & sent
two dollars of such a nature as to be obeyed provided
the payment was made on a proper voucher, and
I received the official copies of the order and the
approval of Genl. Laughton gave me this protection.
I have the honor to be, General,

Very respectfully

Your obt. servt

C. C. Webb

Capt & Agt
Acty. Secy.

Brig Gen. P. B. Wilent

General Capt. Dist. Secy.

Hanover, Texas

not sent

V.B. No. 1. # 1896 -

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Cashier Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss.
Houston, October 31. 1896

General.

I have the honor to enclose copies of the
voucher taken from Lt. Leav Smith, U. S. Navy for
\$2102.00 and the orders under which the amount was paid,
the order from my immediate chief Lt. Col. H. A. Broadwell,
being my sole authority in the matter. The date, as
well as the name of disbursing officer, is not inserted
in the receipt, as I expected to be relieved from the
necessity of taking the voucher on my papers - To
protect myself, however, in case I should have to send
up the voucher as my own, I insisted upon having
an approval upon its face. This was made by Capt.
Slaughter, in fulfillment, or as part of Genl. Hagood's
order of Aug 26-96. The signature of Genl Slaughter
was obtained sometime between Aug 26-96 & Sept 6-96
I have the honor to be, General,
Sincerely

Very respectfully

Yours obt. servt
C. C. Wells

Lt. Col. P. O. Widout
Commanding Dept. Sub. Dist. Tex.
Houston, Texas.

Capt. Hagood
Adj. Chf.

✓ Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston, Oct 31. 1864

Miss Hattens Esq.
Caney.

Sir I have your favor of 25th Inst.
now enclosed certified of exemption
B. W. Kendrick 14 B/c \$68.00

Very respectfully
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston Oct 31. 1864

W. H. Montgomery Esq
Engle Lake.

Sir. I have your favor of 26th Inst &
now enclosed certified of exemption.

J. B. Montgomery	10 B/c	\$145.83
C. Montgomery	" "	125.00
W. H. Montgomery	" "	66.17

Very respectfully
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

✓
 Captain Duncan Dep't for Miss
 Houston Oct 31. 1864

✓
 W. H. Dana Dep't of
 Richmond.

Sir,

I have your favor of 28th but with enclosures
 make contents. I enclose certificate & exemption

Mr. W. Beckman

to Rye

\$148.64

S. H. Inosh

1

Mr. W. Beckman

2

274.03

I have applied for the boy 'Tyler'. I will send
 you this detail as soon as obtained. The description
 of negroes has produced so few, & the want of them is so
 great that it is only a chance if we get this boy.

Mr. Webb has a branch office at Clinton. Mr. S. S.
 Cabell is in charge of it. There is no permit office
 anywhere else but at San Antonio.

I saw you this morning I shall double digging -
 I have more of the same sort if you want it.

I will get Mr. Holman to exchange the last detail
 at Dayton for them.

Very respectfully

G. S. [Signature]
 Capt

✓ Col. J. Duncan Rept. from Miss
Houston, Oct 30. 1864

W. B. Grimes Esq,
Wabagonda

Sir - I have your favor of 22nd inst.
with enclosures, know land you Capt. & Co. Capt. & Co.

St. Louis 12th

Oct 20

Oct 27

St. Louis name W. B. Grimes -
\$2.179.82

Very respectfully
C. E. Wells
Capt. & Co.

✓ Col. J. Duncan Rept. from Miss
Houston, Oct 30. 1864

C. J. Rogers Esq,
Wabagonda

Sir - I have your favor of 22nd inst. &
enclosures and you Capt. & Co. Capt. & Co.

St. Louis 12th

Oct 20

Oct 27

St. Louis name W. B. Grimes -
\$2.179.82

Very respectfully
C. E. Wells
Capt. & Co.

Cotton Bureau Sept 2nd Miss
Houston. Oct 2nd 1874

Mr. Stence Esq
Birmingham.

Sir. I have your favor of 29th Inst. with \$1
m. 10. which I have had classed & weighed these
know values with of exemption - \$1. 645.
2000 - \$1000 10.

I make your remarks about Mr. Cooke's
classing. The Browning lot of Cotton was
very good - but a portion being very good
he classed the whole as ordinary - This is the
worst instance of his work - I have insisted him
to be more particular. & the result is that he has
taken out L. W. Groves' whole crop of 1874.
I have adopted a new rule for these folks who
show this inferior Cotton on to the Govt. I
offer them one exemption for every two Bales - i.e.
if he delivers 20 Bales inferior Cotton, I give him an exemption
for 5 Bales ordinary. Pay him for the whole 20 Bales at the
ordinary schedule price - If they do not like this I reject
the whole. I will reject it anyhow if I have reason to
believe that the party has better Cotton which he is
retaining. If you make any such receipts please
say "inferior" on your certificate -

Mr. Stence Esq
Birmingham

Extra Boston Post from Alice
 Location, Oct 2nd 1864

Dear George Thompson & Co.
 Hempstead.

Dear

I have your favor of 24th last addressed
 to Col. Hatchins. in regard to the letter you
 are carrying out on joint of with the Gov.
 I have got your receipt from Major Willie
 you should also have arranged for the free
 passage of the half intended for the Gov. I
 should apply to him now to release the Company
 from at Clinton & Galena.

If the officers to whom you deliver the
 letter give you a certified receipt, on the
 Major's receipt I will take it up and
 pay you either in old currency or in gold
 certificates or in new currency if I have
 it.

Very respectfully
 Yours truly
 C. E. Will
 Capt. Co.

Received by
 C. E. Will
 Capt. Co.

✓
 Letter Simon Dept June 1864
 Hawaiian Oct 2. 1864

✓
 Mr. Van Buren Esq
 Hillman

Sir, I have your favor of 20. inst.

Quote One letter -

Mr Perkins will receive Letter at any
 of the lower points on the Rio Grande,
 through the Officers of this Bureau there.
 You should state on the P.R. that the Letter
 is to go to Mr. P. for such an account as
 that the Officer who receives it may know
 what to do with it.

I send you Blank Extract by the mail.

I will write a circular letter to send
 to each of the informants - and request you
 to put a future notice to the British government
 that will be sent for some time
 in the future.

Very respy

Yours out
 C. G. Webb
 Capt

Arthur Pennell Esq & Isaac Davis
 Worcester, Octo 20. 1864

J. S. Davis Esq
 Worcester

Dear Sir

I enclose Hawaiian papers -
 1st copy Exemption Thrice
 2nd copy Sales Thrice - of 5.10.00

Please have the vouchers signed & returned
 to me -

I have given Isaac an exemption
 here for 10 Bales - The 24 Bales I now
 possess I shall exchange for him at Alleghen,
 & will make a settlement with him according
 to the exchange & your future report -

Very truly

Yours at

Wm. G. Wells

Worcester

Captain James R. Smith
Havre, October 10, 1864

I certify that J. R. Smith has received from this Office in payment of Army Supplies purchased and sold by them to Government before the 5th October 1864, (90) Security Bonds as described below, which they have taken on board the Schooner "Josephine" - say -

63 Bonds worth 20.024 pounds

22 " " 5.928

2 " " 1.545

2 " " 2.457

20 Bonds 26.054 pounds

C. C. Smith

Captain

Oct. 10

Telegram

Central Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hampden, Mass. 2. 1864

Brig Gen W. R. Bagg.

Chf of Staff -

Shrewsbury

Genl Walker has
ordered me to turn over to Capt Taylor of
Clothing Bureau Three hundred & twenty eight
dollar specie, to reimburse Major
Hampden for private funds used in
establishing the Government hat factory
at Lawrence. - I must do it - I mean
and send order by mail -

C. E. Wells

Capt Wagner

Cloq. Chf.

Quartermaster Office 473
Houston Nov 2. 1864

Major L. H. Ransdell
Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 30th ult and
all contents

Orders will soon be issued from
Capt H. S. transferring the acquisition of cotton
from the quar to the treasury department and placing
it under the charge of Judge Gray. However until
the order is officially published we will proceed the
same as heretofore.

When the transfer takes place
all exportations must be under the present regulations
but all exemptions granted by us will be respected
and the cotton acquired is to be expended in the settle-
ment of the debts contracted by us.

Mr. Miller at my request has
consented to continue to act as agent for Houston
County until we see what is necessary to be done under
the new regulations.

When the new order of things go
into effect we will address a circular letter to
the various local agents instructing them what
course to pursue, until that is done they will continue
to act as heretofore.

I am glad you instructed Col.
Robinson to continue in the purchase of cotton, I
designed him to the same effect.

Very Resp

Wm Burt

J. G. Wells

Capt & agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Nov 2. 1864 ✓

✓
H. Wilkes Esq.
Troy, N.Y.

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st ult and note contents. I have no authority to exempt cotton except where in strict conformity to the rules of this office the government has agreed one half of the cotton proposed to be exported. I am not vested with any discretion. President Davis or his representatives on this side of Mississippi River. Genl Smith are only vested with authority to grant permission to export not in conformity to established rules.

Very Respefully
Yr obt Servt
C. C. Wells
Capt & Agt

✓
B. F. Wilson Esq.
Washington

Sir

Quartermaster's office
Houston Nov 2. 1864 ✓

I am in receipt of yours of the 25th ult and note contents.

I am not in funds with new issue with which to pay certified accounts and can not say when I will be. I can however discharge my certified accounts in old issue and will add to the amt due the legal discount 20% so as to make it equal to new issue. This is the best I can do for my party.

Very Respe
Yr obt Servt
C. C. Wells

Wm Brown, Esq. Secy. Am. Cons.
Boston, Nov. 2. 1854.
Wm. C. Adams Esq.
Boston
Syracuse

I have your note with Ed. J. Smith
in regard to the of \$50000 he is to deliver to
Ed. J. Smith at New York - I have written
to Smith to send me weight & classification of
every article, so that I may have certified
account and make the payment - Expenses
I must pay in the old currency adding 30%
for legal disbursements - This office has new
notes in process in new issue - I have
to be made through you or direct to the
Syracuse - I have been & to get the money & send
Please advise me if you can and secure me
for the trouble - If the State could possibly
send for the money by some private company
this way it would greatly facilitate matters
as the end of the year is drawing so soon that
the old currency will soon be worthless -

Very respectfully
Wm. C. Adams
Syracuse

Quartermaster Office
Hanson Oct 3. 1864

Col. A. Miller Agt
Crockett

Sir

As soon as you F. B. Sutton returns to you
refer contract and of which we have advised
of Blodgett, you will please mine and send here
your certificate of the same. Mr. Sutton has already
received the proper exemption

Very Respy
Yours Svt
G. H. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster Office
Hanson Oct 3. 1864

Mr. Mayblum Agt
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 31st ult and
note contents.

Your contract with Mr. Baldern
can be changed as you wish and the balance
of the money due on your contract can be
delivered to Mr. Johns at Richmond.

Enclosed you will find
letters to Mr. Baldern and Mr. Johns, which
when delivered will enable you to make the
change you wish.

I cannot say at present
what we will give for hogging and rope in the
future

Very Respy
Yours Svt
G. H. Wells
Capt & Agt

Superintendent of the
Harrison 1862

J. B. Garrison Esq
Albany

Sir

Mr. Mayhew Esq of Richmond informs me he
agrees to sell you as agent Twenty bales cotton
five of which he has delivered. He states he
is unable to deliver you the balance, and requests
the contract be changed and the balance of other
cotton, 15 bales, be made deliverable to Mr. John
agent at Richmond.

I have written Mr. Mayhew
concerning to the change in delivery, and will instruct
Mr. John to receive it. I will make no difference
as to where the cotton is delivered.

Very respectfully
yours
L. G. Wells
Sept 10 1862

Insurance Office
Hudson St. N.Y.

J. W. John Eggt
Richmond

Dear Sir

Mr. Mayblum Eggt of your city informs me he was contracted to sell to J. L. Baldwin Eggt of Allyn 30 Bales Cotton, five of which he has delivered. He now states he is unable to deliver the balance, fifteen Bales, to Mr. Baldwin and that the contract be so changed as to make the remainder deliverable to you at Richmond.

I have written Mr. Mayblum that the change could be made, and advised Mr. Baldwin of the same. You will therefore please receive the cotton from Mr. Mayblum and treat it as a purchase made by you.

It is not now material to us where the cotton is delivered, so it is where we can get it.

Very Respy
Yours obt Servt
C. L. Wells
Capt & Agt

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Institution of
Hanson & Co. 1864

✓
Birmingham Aug 21st
Port Sullivan

I am in receipt of yours enclosing 25 dollars
received of Mr. R. Edwards, and
in the enclosed.

You state you have shipped for
Mr. Edwards 250 lbs. Al. we have only account
of 100 lbs. you will please as early as possible
send me a statement of all cases you received
Mr. Edwards, mentioning date of shipment, by whom
shipped, on whose train, No of bills of lading, and by
cash train, and from whom received or purchased.

You can make the statement as
short as you please so it contains the above infor-
mation.

Very Resp
Yr obt Serv
L. L. Wells
Capt & Co

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Home Affairs
Washington Nov 3. 1862

✓
Messrs S. H. Smith
Richmond

Sir, I am in receipt of your favor of — Oct — and contents — I cannot
give an exemption until an agents certificate
is presented, according to the receipt of the Bureau.
I regret to have to say that the receipt of the Bureau
sampled since by me for 48 Bales of goods, upon
the request of Capt. Bureau, would not justify me
in issuing another exemption to you under like
circumstances, even if it was my practice to give
exemptions in advance of the delivery of the Cotton.
A portion of the 48 Bales is of very inferior, and
some samples of the Cotton received by you are as
much better, that I have been obliged to direct
the Officers in the Ports to inspect your Cotton
and allow its passage under the exemption of
freight to be less than that you turned over to look.
The stipulations with you, Capt. Bureau, for a fair di-
vision of your Cotton as to quality was made, and
if the fact has shown this I am not justified to
ask more, but I am bound to every duty that
this is done —

Very respectfully,
S. H. Smith

Letter Bureau Dept / Yours Ours
 Houston Tex 2.15.64

Maj. A. S. Calhoun Genl.
 Clinton

Major

Please give your attention to a matter
 which I fear is an attempt to deprive the Govt
 of the benefit of a fair division in a lot of
 Cotton. Col. S. M. Innes of Richmond Dist
 Paul County holds my exemption of 500 lbs. Oct 15. 1864
 by 40 Rule - 20 per cent. based upon the agents certificate
 that he had not 40 Rule ordinary Cotton from Innes on his
 plantation. It now turns out, according to the information
 given me, that Col. Innes has loaded his best Cotton on this
 own team & given the Govt the refuse - 40 Rule of
 the lot and almost worthless. Please have this Cotton
 examined if it passes near Clinton, & if his own lot
 is good Cotton, do not give him a favorable report.
 If he is delayed for this cause he will have no
 one to blame but himself.

Respectfully

Yours truly

E. C. Hall

Capt. 100th
 Regt.

✓
Colonel Drayton, Dept. House Miss.
Newtown. Nov 3. 1864

✓
A. H. Deane Esq. Capt.
Richmond

Sir,
I have your favour of 1st Inst & hold
I do not care to give Lewis & Co. any
preference - You will be guided by your own con-
science in these deliveries -

If I understand the report case he has not delivered
you the Cotton he should have sent - Capt. C. sent me a
sample of heavily Ordinary & I returned it to him saying
he might call it Ordinary & close with Drayton - It was the
fact that Drayton delivered Cotton which Capt. Drayton had
refused to receive - Is not this so? When Capt. Drayton
sent the sample for 40 Bales, I issued an exemption for
Drayton - I write to Maj. Lusk today that Drayton has
delivered 40 Bales, & ask him to inspect them and
return it if it is of better grade - I write Drayton
today in reply to his letter to say that he must deliver
you good Cotton or none -

I remain Sir your obedient servant A. H. Deane
also enclose, Mrs. S. Clarendon 1000.00 (1000)
or 1000 (1000)

forwarded Drayton the case by Dr. Drayton - Please
have the two letters signed & return to me

✓
 Letter Received from Mrs
 Hester. Nov 21st

Mrs Hester by
 Hastings.

✓
 I have your favor of 29th to the aid
 money enclosed -

In request I sent you this morning
 the balance to H. S. Thomas & Co, Danvers,
 Nov. 20th 1865. Four hundred and twenty dollars old currency.
 in full payment of the account -

The chance of the Cash being forwarded
 the earlier remittance of the funds -
 I trust however, it will reach you in
 time to answer your purpose

Very truly
 Yours
 G. A. Smith
 G. A. Smith

Specimens of the same - 1865

will require an order in specie, and I suggest that you obtain Judge Gray's authorization for the operation in case you do not feel warranted in making it.

In making the shipments for the ~~Shipping Dept~~ I should prefer not to become responsible for the Cotton by receipting Tugans for it - but to have you the Ship's bills of Lading to be retained by you as good vouchers for the Cotton. This will prevent the mixing of accounts, and I trust will be approved by yourself & Judge Gray. I will undertake to forward to Dr. Helms the advice of Shipments, and give instructions as directed in the letter of Nov. 10. Dr. Helms. This will show the necessity for having separate the Cotton bills of Lading, and what Dept. to effect this I suggest you do not require me to receipt officially for Cotton, as in my hands for shipments under the authority of George Gray's signature of 10th inst.

Very respectfully,

Yours truly,

C. C. Wells

Asst. Secy. of War

Recd. 11/10/64

Done

11/10/64

William B. Brown, Esq. /
Haverhill, Nov. 8. 1864

Sam. J. Gray.

Ernesto Gumb
Hansel

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of 14 inst, in reply to mine in regard to the "Jensen" - I have informed J. H. House, the consignee - also Capt. Mackenzie & Co. consignees of the "Jensen" now in port - of its contents - I have also laid your telegram before Mr. B. under the Rept. Collection, & I trust it my duty to say to you that I have every reason to believe that such records will be found without doing any book work - The fact on the ground that she was one of the ships in port prior to Feb 6th the latter is the ground that she had been for more than a full year of time for supplies sold to her prior to Feb 6th.

The are probably aware that I have never received
 answers from the first, to ship Lord. But
 did found it impossible to do so while I was
 attending to business and in fact - I have much
 to do as to attempt to reform a regulation of my
 business and to take the best order to the extent

I am thus expressing, but feel for want of Mr. Helm's
 signature. I will do all now that I can, but
 I have no authority to stop the departure of a
 vessel - and do not claim it.

Mr. Sampson responds willingly to my applications
 for Insurance Office, to load vessels now in port &
 will furnish it with as much rapidity as he can.
 If the vessels now here, however, it must appear
 that I will be able to ship only by one steamer
 the "Savette" - and two schooners taking together about
 500 Bales.

Would it not be proper to authorize Mr.
 Sampson to empower him to make such repairs as
 the Insurance Office as well be necessary to
 put it in a fitting order - He may not
 be warranted in making any disbursements
 for this purpose without orders.

Respectfully
 Signed
 W. G. Wells
 Esq. & Agent
 City, Cal.

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Sanctum office
Houston Nov 3, 1864

✓
Mr Alexander Esq
Said

✓
I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and
all contents. The Bureau will soon be transferred
to the Treasury Department and placed under the
control of Hon J. M. Gray Agent Treasury Dept.

It is understood that all contracts
made by the present organization are to be re-
pealed.

When the new state of things becomes binding
you will be advised of the same, and instructed what
course to pursue, until this is done you will please
continue to act as heretofore, the same as if no
change was contemplated.

Very respectfully
Yours obt Svt
L. J. Wells
Supt & Co, Inc

Business Office
Hansford Nov 3, 1964

*Prof. Dr. A. Wöller Engel
Graz*

Season receipt of game of the season and
other records.

because you find the blunders you

When the new regulations go into effect
it is understood all contracts made by the present
management will be respected.

When the new sorts of
things become bringing you will be advised of
the same and instructed what course to pursue
a little while is done you will please continue to
let the same as if no change was contemplated

very busy

great but

6. 4. 1911

W. H. H. H. H.

✓ *Chinese American Dept To Miss
Houston, Nov 3, 1894*

*J. H. Buchanan Esq
Palestine*

Dear

I have your favor of 24th Oct

and in return

I have absolutely no

control whatever over the Cotton collected by

Wm. D. Davis & Co. - I regret this the more

because Mr. H. C. Buchanan seems to meet with so

little success in getting Cotton for the Bureau, and

your efforts are consequently slow. As you have

been so long in the regulation you are aware that the Bureau

plans are more advantageous than anything the Bureau

has ever offered them (the Planters). All of our

exemptions will be required for that matter to

come, and if Cotton is sold at a price which is

profitable they would deliver Cotton at that price.

As we are now getting up a new plan for the Bureau

we are to contract for Cotton with a view to

selling it for a profit. With a little experience I

think I can make a considerable sum of money

from it.

*Yours truly
J. H. Buchanan
Atty. Gen.*

Arthur Simon Dept of Miss
Houston Nov 8. 1864

Wm. H. Payne Esq
Harris

I have your favor of 25th Oct.
I have your solicitation to the draft on Houston.
The Office upon whom it is drawn is not one
of the kind that by the Govt. - He will pay
the draft in Brownsville if desired to do so.
I have been offered to pay specie in Houston.
The proposed one is a draft on Houston or a Houston
draft upon the Govt. Office. The funds
cannot be provided since the draft had to
be drawn as it was. All the drafts therefore
remain there and are not to be very truly yours this
very devoted and obedient servant. I am very truly
yours as there are no more money left. But I
am a paying in all at a rate that makes it
good to him either for paying taxes or for his
business for more to be done. I request that
the Government will not require that you be
the person to pay it.

Very truly yours
Arthur Simon
Dept of Miss
Houston

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Nov 8. 1874

✓
C. S. Randle Esq
Brenham.

Sir,

I have your favor of 1st inst. &
note contents. - The Stones is
right - The rule is - to pay
double schedule prices for Cotton already
baled in Bagging & Rope, and furnish
~~the~~ Bagging & Rope - as the Govt
does not desire to supply Baling material
to any but those who have not
supplied themselves - When the
Govt furnishes Baling material to
those who have their Cotton in the
land, only single prices are allowed &
the Bagging & Rope is charged for - I
opine that the latter offer is the best,
but it can only apply to bales of new
Cotton - not to Cotton already put up
in Bagging & Rope -

Very respectfully
C. S. Randle
Clerk

General James H. Smith
Shanghai, Nov. 11, 1864.

General,

I have the honor to request the detail of
Private James Chamberlain. Capt. James H. Smith's Regt
is in the transportation of Gen. Smith to Mexico.

These Regt. Co. contractors for transportation with U. S. Gen.
Barnard, Chief of Bureau, are entitled under their contract
to such details as may be necessary to enable them to do the
work, and they certify to me that Mr. Chamberlain's services
are absolutely essential.

They also have official stamp
this Office recently for a few details, all of which have
been refused.

I request respectfully remark that these
gentlemen are large creditors of the Government, and have
always shown a willingness to render the assistance they ability
give them power to afford. The use of this man is authorized
by their contract with Col. Barnard, more especially because their
other applications have not been granted, and his loss to the field
will be more than compensated to Gen. Smith by the active agency of
Regt. Co. in the introduction of Supplies.

General C. H. Smith
Commanding Regt. James H. Smith
Shanghai,
Va.

Respectfully
Yours and
C. H. Smith
Capt. Regt.
Adj. Gen.

Wheaton Feb 4. 1864

Captain

I have the honor to enclose my
commutation accounts for months of
June, with the request for an approval. The
Quartermaster then on Post having left
here early in July I cannot obtain his
signature. I enclose copies of
the orders placing me on duty - also letter
of acceptance of my Bond.

Your attention Captain, to this little
matter will much oblige me.

Very respectfully

Yr obt servt

C. C. Wall

Capt & Agr

Capt. W. D. Young A. M. Esq

Adjut Gen Regt 6th Vt

Andover, Mass

Cathey Duncan Rept from Miss.
Houston, Nov. 4. 1864.

Wgt J. C. Smithell;
San Antonio.

My dear Sir,

I enclose receipts from H. J. Russell -
being a portion of those enclosed by you.

to Mr. C. L. Hutchins - say

Aug 30 - McMillan & Slack -

\$24,000.00

12 - L. Whitaker

1000.00

Sept 24 - Churchill & Walker

5000.00

Will you please have H. J. Russell issue
these amounts - and of the two receipts I
sent you a few days ago? - One receipt
specifying the fine payments will be made.

Churchill & Walker have applied to me for
an order for Cash in payment of this acct.
I recollect giving them an order on you for
the balance then due - Have you duly made
the above payment on it? Please advise
me, as, if I ~~write~~ write them, I want to be
sure we are on the safe side.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

Capt. Co

✓
 Col. Duncan Dept. from this
 Quebec Nov 4. 1864

✓
 Maj. Gen. H. Walker
 Mass.

Sir, I have your favor of 25th Oct. & note contents. I have waited a few days knowing that Col. Broadwell was on his way to Mass. that you would probably obtain the order through him. If you have done so you can return me the enclosed order. You will also please send me the official statement which I gave you of Col. Mitchell to enable you to collect the same from Capt. Swichee. Capt. I made only one payment, for which I have your memo. receipt.

I have no authority to give an order as Smith's duty as it lies out of my jurisdiction but I have no doubt Col. Broadwell will arrange it as you wish.

Very respectfully
 Yr obedient
 C. G. Smith
 Capt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hiss
Houston, Nov 24. 1864

Hon. R. H. Smith.
Texas.

Honors - Please deliver to George H. Wacker, of Mitchell & Wacker, enough cotton at schedule prices named below, to amount to (\$11,806 12) eleven thousand, eight hundred and six 1/2 dollars. Send me this memo. receipt, showing order weight and classification, from which I will make account sales and send it up for signature.

Schedule prices -

Ordinary -	10 1/2¢	3
Good Ordinary	12¢	2
Good Middling	14 1/2¢	1
Middling -	15¢	3
Good Middling	16¢	1

C. E. Wells
Capt & Agent
City of

Quartermaster's Office, 199

Capt. Duncan Dept Texas Miss
Houston Nov 11. 1864

Maj R. H. Jones,
Texas.

Maj,

I have your favor of 25th Dec.
make contents -

I send Maj Walker an order for the
Cotton as he desires \$11,506⁰⁰ at the
Schedule as named in the order - I will
be glad to know that you have settled
the Mills order by paying Balance to
Mr Gonzales - I know I have
no right to give orders on your Report
and will not give any more - but you
will oblige me by paying Gonzales, as
it enables me to get Mills accounts off
my Books & reports -

Very respy

G. C. Wells

C. C. Wells

Capt &c

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Nov 4 1864

S. D. Fiske. Esq. agt
Wharton

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and note contents.

I would grant you a furlough with pleasure so as to enable you to visit the Rio Grande, had I the authority to do so.

If however you are not in government employ other than as agent for the Cotton Bureau, and are not called to military duty you can go without a furlough.

Should you go please inform us of the fact and authorize some responsible ^{party} to act for you until you are seen.

I shall take no exception to your absenting yourself for as long a period as you contemplate.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
L. L. Wells
S. alt & comd

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Nov 4 1864

Prof. G. W. Walker
Mass

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th ult and note contents.

I had today ready for the mail the order you requested to enable you to settle the claim of Mitchell & Co. I am glad you were able to arrange the claim with Col Broadwell.

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
L. L. Wells

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Quartermasters Office
Houston Nov 5. 1864

Wm A Hardy
William

Madam Enclosed please find certified of in your
favor under date Nov 2. 1864 for \$75.00 and from
\$200.00 for 10 bales cotton. Sent you at request of J. B.
Smith and agent for Noyes County

Very Respectfully
Yours

Wm A Hardy
Houston Nov 5. 1864

Wm A Hardy

Not present to the large, large
County. are officers of this office. It is our
will that the business and other business
business as well as necessary and will
return as soon as practicable.

Wm A Hardy
Wm A Hardy
Wm A Hardy

Specimens are given to the
Kaiser Museum of Natural History
Houston

Wm A Hardy
Wm A Hardy

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Slaves
Houston Nov 5. 1864

Perry August Esq, C. B. Esq
San Antonio -

Sir.

I am in receipt of your favor of 24th Oct with en-
closed - I now enclose two 190 &c -

Two Receipts of B/C - as stated in your letter -

" " 451. " being paid for by me on Receipts
given the parties by Capt Finckell -

For the 18 Bales on hand July 8th 64, please send Receipt
& inv. to H. L. Hatchins, as he is responsible for it. I
have paid for Cottons in Maj Jarvis' District, on Agents
Receipts issued previous to division of Districts, and it
is better that I should get receipts direct from Maj
Jarvis than to duplicate papers by passing them through
Maj Jarvis - Please have enclosed receipts signed
and return them to me -

Very respy

G. C. Hatchins

C. C. Hatchins

Capt. 10

London, Nov 5. 1861

My dear Lord.

I have your favour of 24th Oct. covering the letter to Paul Smith. As you ask my advice I must tell you what I think. As justice to yourself and your office in a thankless business Paul Smith should know exactly what you tell him in your letter. You do not deserve to be placed in the background now and your acts repudiated merely because he does not choose ~~not~~ to carry out plans inaugurated with his sanction under his orders. He has the right to do anything he thinks proper, perhaps, but he ought to know at the same time that the responsibility of failure to pay rests upon him not you. He ought to know also that he can or could preserve the Govt. credit by merely doing what he said in the beginning he would do. - support you. It is only just to himself, too, to advise him that while he has yielded to other counsel he has placed himself in the eyes of the people in the light of a man who promises one thing to gain an advantage, not obtainable otherwise, and then repudiates his promise at a time when the suffering party who depended upon his word places himself in his hands. There is no remedy. To be just to himself Paul Smith must enable you to pay the debt. I fear Ray has not been informed you correctly. Name what I can see of matters at North Hill for me

are already among the things that come, and can trouble
 cause no uneasiness there. Genl. Bagge & Maj. Williamson
 refer our papers to Judge Gray for his advice, & action and
 Genl. Smith seems to approve it. Probably your best
 procedure is to go to Sharpshark & inform Genl. Smith
 the necessity of upholding the Bureau for a specified time -
 say 3 mos. - & get him to issue an order for the purpose -
 otherwise Genl. Smith's conference with him goes for
 nothing. The verbal agreement that we should be supported
 until we could wind up seems to be already forgotten -
 Unless Genl. Smith ceases to think of Black to Judge Gray
 as the head of Genl. Cotton's matter, this office is a mere matter
 of machinery. You can explain to him why Judge Gray
 cannot properly control past transactions, even though the work
 of the future is to be prolific of great needs through the
 administration to come - and make him understand that
 he has still a good deal to do, with the Cotton Record - Genl.
 Smith has too true an appreciation of justice and honor not
 to perceive that his connection with the Pension account
 be sustained in an indirect, not in fact at all until
 its honorable obligations are provided for.

On the other hand, Genl., I have my fears about one thing.
 Your letter is somewhat plain in its present shape - and
 will excite the Genl's anger. You may know him well
 enough to know what effect it will produce upon

him - He is most favorably disposed toward you & his appreciation of your labors is very great - Do not wilfully make him any less your friend than he is - If you can tell him the plain truths contained in your letter, unobscured, I believe it will be better than writing them - If your personal friendly standing with him is such that you do not anticipate incurring his resentment I would say show him the letter & thus make your record right - But unless you know he will take it in good part, it is hardly worth while to put yourself in a bad position at Rep. H. J. and I would have the letter rewritten - You could clothe the same truths in sweeter language, and they might be just as effective and not in the least offensive -

The Treasury Agent is not appointed - Mr. Doolittle has offered to act for you but not accepted - Looking will be particular & may refer the whole matter to Richmond - Everybody cannot willingly move the ice mill of the people by enforcing an unpopular measure, and it will be hard to find a competent man who will accept the position -

Very truly yours
C. E. Kelly

At. Genl. H. J. Goodenough
Shrewsbury -

William Duncan, Deputy Secy. War
Hawthorne, Nov 5. 1864

Wm. W. W. Eng. Co.
Hawthorne.

Sir,
I have your favor of 3rd inst
with enclosed - The exemption rank of
for the Hardy have been sent her as directed -
I have laid your account aside for the present
until I can ascertain how the Agents are to be
paid, it is necessary the manner should be
uniform -

Please contract for as much Cotton as you
can - as we get now in advance of the publica-
tion of the new regulations will be dear gain
to the Govt - I do not think much benefit
to Govt will arise from the enforcement of
the regulations, but we shall see - They were
made expressly for Govt & to promote the free
exportation by the people - If they are carried
out they may produce good results, but they are
so stringent that I look for a change by the
next Congress -

Very respy
W. G. Wells
Capt. H.

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Nov 5. 1864

✓
 A. A. John Esq. Q. M.
 Richmond, ✓

Sir, I have your favor of 3^d inst with
 enclosures & note contents - The detail
 of the negro Boy 'Tyler' has been refused - I
 will make a special requisition for him & see
 what that will do - I enclose your

service acct - to June 27 - \$49.90
 " Oct 31 - 686.25

You can pay yourself \$440 - in full & then
 collect the old balance, which these vouchers do
 not call for - Send me a statement of the Cotton
 you take - I enclose also Cent acct & Exemptions

Pinckney Perry 12 R/c \$579.62
 A. C. Reed 5 " 503.39

I do not want Mr. Kendalls Bag & Rope
 on his terms - I will send you some in
 a few days -

Very respec
 C. G. Wells
 Capt &c

Moore & Smoker -

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 5, 1864

Mr. J. Hall Esq
Beaumont

Sir -

I have your favor of 30th Oct -

Under contents -

Capt Laubitz has not yet received the
mill saw files - They shall go to you as soon
as received -

I enclose you this reply to ~~the~~ application
for mules - He says he has not enough
mules for the wagons he has which are now
so much needed - Like Major Stone he

is willing to do all in his power and
regrets he cannot supply me - I am
at a loss to know what you will do, if you
depend upon Govt transportation -

Very nearly

Yr obt serv

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

✓ Cotton Joneson Deft. Trans Miss.
 Houston, Apr 5, 1864

John Holston Esq. Atty
 Alleyton

Sir -

✓ I have your favor of 2nd inst enclosing
 Pickett vouchers & Invoice Baggs & Rope from
 Stillman, Huddy & King - for which thank you

There has been no particular complaint here
 by Lippman & Rappert - Your presence at
 Alleyton will make it satisfactory.

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

P.S. Just recd. your advice of arrest - I will
 see Mr Ballinger on Monday, and write you again.
 He has just got in from the country this
 afternoon -

Nothing will come of it -

C. G. W.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Houston, Nov 5. 1862

J. E. Owens Esq. Aft
Richmond

Sir -

I have your favor of 3rd Inst. & make
content's - Mr. Ennis says he has written
to Judge Gray about Mrs. Harpers' Cotton (I
suppose for legal advice) I will write you
what he says when he gets a reply -

Genl. Inosh has evidently tried not to do right,
but he will fail in his efforts, if precaution
does any good -

The machine shops are so constantly employed
that a man cannot be got for a day - If any
expense should occur I will send one - Expense
to be paid by Simonton, of course -

Mr. J. L. Simonton cannot get Bagg & Rape for
the 40 B/c del. Cal Watchins' last April - It was
Baled Cotton & they were settled with under
the old plan - They certainly understand
this -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Quartermasters' Office
Houston, Nov 5. 1864.

Capt J. C. Ransom Agent
San Antonio.

Sir -

I have your favor of 30th Oct. asking
for list of outstanding debts contracted under
my late Agency for Major J. West -

I have no outstanding debts belonging to
my Agency - payable in new currency -

There are some Certificates for 8 & 9 percent Bonds
issued in payment for Cotton to J. D. Waters -

R. E. Stephens & J. R. Gullis - amounting in
the aggregate to about \$10,000 - My acc^t

current with Maj West of June 30. 1864

will show the items,

I trust it may be in
your power to obtain the Bonds to pay them,
as the holders of the Certificates have applied
for them & are anxious to have them settled.

Very respy

Yours at

C. G. Kelly

Capt &c.

✓
 Arthur Duncanson Dept. Trans. Miss
 Hamilton Nov 5. 1864.

✓
 Mr. W. Garrison Esq. Apt
 La Grange.

✓
 Sir -

I thank you for a favor of

Oct 10 in relation to Carl Duncanson -

I suppose you are aware that I do not believe
 in him any more than other people - He
 showed me some papers from the Commission
 Dept. authorizing him to introduce Salt, and I
 gave him a letter to you to give him unemployed
 teamsters under certain conditions - I felt at
 the time that his personal interest in the matter
 was of more importance to him than any public
 benefit. He expected to further - On receipt
 of your letter I addressed an official communica-
 tion to Capt. R. B. Richardson Actg. Chf. Commissary
 who made the contract with Duncanson, on the subject
 that he has not yet returned to his office & I have
 no reply. Until I send you a copy of his
 authority you will please not furnish any
 more teamsters -

Very respy

C. G. Wells

Asst. Secy

Please remember, when he was here, that he was once put in the way of his office of his office.

Cotton Bureau Rept Jano Nris
Houston Nov 5. 1864

Dear -

I have the honor to acknowledge Receipt of your favor of 30th Oct from Waco - and note contents - I now enclose

Condensed Cotton & Financial Statements for your information - I have spent some time to make them as accurate as possible & trust they may serve their purpose - You will observe that, if the Bureau is allowed to collect the Cotton contracted for, the Houston debts will not only be paid, but that a large surplus can be applied to payments on the Rio Grande -

The payments to Edmondo & King & Co. will absorb some of the Cotton designated as probably available, but as it goes for extinguishment of debt, it will answer the same purpose in the end -

This report does not include Capt. McKinney's transactions. I find that the old currency cannot be made useful generally even at the legal discount - In this connection

I must ask you to obtain an order from Genl Smith authorizing the use of the old currency at its discount. I fear my vouchers will be valueless to me without it.

This report shows my indebtedness on new issue to be already \$660,000 - the 12,000 Bales to be paid for will increase this amount to about \$1,250,000 - and if it is possible to do so I hope you will have the appropriation made - I know that very little new issue has come to this Dept, but in view of the partial success of the Cotton Bureau, hardly a better appropriation could be made -

Mr. Haleton the Asst at Alletton - also Mr. Baldwin, Asst for Colorado County have been ordered on an instruction under the act of the late Legislature - change selling papers called permits - W. Harbors who yielded 40% Cotton under the rules of the Bureau, makes the change - Major Baughman persuaded him to sell his Cotton - so far as I can learn no impressment was made - They have been released

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on bail (\$1,500 specie) to appear at next term
of Court for Colorado County, for trial.

I will see Mr. Ballinger in the morning
& ascertain what is necessary to be done.

Colorado Co. is the residence of Mr.
Co. Co. Kendrick M.C. from Texas - and of
Senator Hancock (State Legislature) the
father of the Bill which resulted in
the dismemberment of the old Texas
Cotton Office.

I enclose \$50 note left for you in
September last by Genl. Plancher.

Yours very

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt. & Agt.

Dr. Genl. G. A. Broadwell

Chief Cotton Bureau, D.C. H.

Shreveport, La.

✓ Estlin Bureau Rept Iowa Miss.
Houstau Nov 6. 1854

John Holstau Esq. Jk
Allegion,

Sir -

I have your favor of 3^d. Inst & note your
arrest on charge of using permits &c. I have
seen Mr. Ballinger on the subject & he says that the
continuance was the best & only thing to be done
at present.

On your next visit have
you an interview with him as to future proceedings.

Very truly

Yours &c

C. E. Holly

Capitol

Quartermaster's office
Houston Nov 7. 1864

✓
Col. J. F. McKinney
Austin

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst covering 118 bales under contract with L. G. Huff - 39 bales under contract with F. M. Mendenhall and 127 bales under contract with J. M. Seward -

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Co.

Quartermaster's office
Houston Nov 7. 1864

✓
Major H. J. Baughman
Rio Grande Valley

Sir

Enclosed please find list of the following bale of cotton shipped to you by Col. J. F. McKinney under his contract, to wit:

H. S. Skaggs & others	44 bales
G. W. Lambkin	39 "
C. Houston	35 "

118 bales under contract with
L. G. Huff of Caldwell County

F. M. Mendenhall	9 "
F. M. Griffin	30 "

39 bales under contract with
F. M. Mendenhall of Bullard Co

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Co.

Quartermasters Office 218
London Nov 6th 1864

✓
J. G. Secret Esq
Sugar Land
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 21st inst and note contents. The exemption you received is for the same number of bales and pounds that you turned over to the government.

You sold the govt 30 bales cotton weighing per Mr. Johns certificate 1060 pounds, of this cotton Mr. Vogel received an exemption for 6 bales weighing 208¹/₂ and you are for 24 bales weighing 7550 lbs. making in all 20,608¹/₂ amount Mr. Johns certificate calls for, and which is the quantity you sold the government.

From the above you will see from the records of this office that you have not an exemption for the number of bales and pounds you are entitled to, if however there has been injustice done you and you will show us what the injustice consists in, we will readily make the proper correction.

I have no authority to exempt a greater number of bales or pounds than you turned over to the govt.

If the cotton you wish to export is heavier than that you turned over, it will be only fair to sell the government enough more cotton to make it equal to that you export, and I will cover the additional quantity by another exemption.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Servt
L. G. Wells
Capt & a gm

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Custom Bureau Dept. of War
Houston, Oct 28. 1864

I certify that H. B. Sorley & Co. have received from this Office in payment of Army Supplies imported and sold by them to Lt. Col. W. S. Hutchins gnr., for use of the Government - (41) Four hundred and eleven Bales of Cotton, weighing (196,999) One hundred ninety six thousand, nine hundred and ninety nine pounds, which Cotton they have laden on board the Steamship "Maria" by which vessel the supplies were imported Oct 2. 1864.

W. S. Wells
Capt & Agent
Actg City

James Sorley Esq
Collector Port of Galveston

Quartermaster Office
Houston Nov 7. 1864

M. L. Abbott Esq
Care

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd inst and
note contents.

I have no authority over the matter
you write about. Maj Lewis has full charge
of the cotton shipped to him at Groes. I am
in my district that I wish would meet

Very Resp
Yr obt Snt
C. G. Mills
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster Office
Houston Nov 7. 1864

E. Nichols Esq
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 2nd inst
and note contents.

Maj to Col Russell at San
Antonio is specially charged with the attending
of transportation for the Cotton Bureau and
I refer you to him for any contract you may
wish to make relating to transportation.

Very Resp
Yr obt Snt
C. G. Mills
Capt & Agt

Postmaster's office
Houston Nov 7 1864

Major J. A. Thomas
Chief of Post Office Service - West of Texas

Major

I have the honor to request the detail of the following parties.

James Sherrill - 30 yrs - 5 ft 10 in. Blue eyes - dark hair
Fair complexion. Occupation Teamster,
Native of Tennessee and married in
Colorado County.

Hiram Wright - 37 yrs - 5 ft 10 in. Blk hair. Light eyes dark
complexion. Occupation Teamster,
Native of Tennessee and married
in Colorado County.

The services of these parties are
important to the Cotton Bureau for the transportation
of government cotton to the Rio Grande.

Please order them to report
to me for assignment to duty.

Very respy

Wm H. S. S. S.

C. G. Wells

Capt & agnd

Quartermaster Office
 Houston Tex. 7. 1862

My J. C. Thomas

Chief Concept Service West Side of Texas

Sir

I have the honor to request the detail of
 T. B. Bailey - 35 yrs - 5 ft 10 in - native of South Car-
 olina and enlisted in Walker County.

Mr. Bailey has since the organ-
 ization of the Cotton Bureau been acting as its
 agent for Walker County, and his services are
 well necessary in that capacity.

Mr. Bailey has been
 exempted from field duty is eligible of examining
 board of physicians, and recommended for light
 office duty.

Please order him to report to
 me for assignment to duty.

Very respectfully
 your obt. Servt
 G. C. Mills
 Capt & agm

Quartermaster's Office
Hans Nov 7. 1864

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✓
S. B. Russell Esq
Austin

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd inst and
note contents. The fever has practically disappeared
still there may be a few straggling cases remaining.
As soon as there is an other
cold you can return with perfect safety.

Very Respy

Yr Obedt Snt
C. G. Wells

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Nov 7. 1864

✓
S. B. Fuller Esq agt
Anderson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 3rd inst and
note contents.

I have no authority to grant details
or I would as you request grant you one. You can
be spared now about as well as any time, and if
you think you can visit the west without arrest,
I will take no exception to your absence.

Enclosed find a bill for your
expenses as per your letter of 29th which you will
receipt and enclose to a magistrate and return here
when we will pay you for the amt or send it
to Mr. Redder at Anasoda for you as you may
wish.

Very Respy

Yr Obedt Snt

C. G. Wells

Capt & agt

Quartermasters office 224
Houston Nov 7. 1864 ✓

✓
F. A. Bailey Esq
Huntsville
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and
note contents.

Enclosed please find your certificate
of disability returned to you, and detail with assign-
ment as agent for Walker Company

Very Respy
Yr obt Snt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm

Quartermasters office
Houston Nov 7. 1864

✓
Capt W. L. Campbell
J. E. Gibson

Columbus

Yours of the 4th inst is at
hand. Enclosed find details of James Skene and
William Wright, and assignment of them to duty with
Mr. Gibson.

✓
Very Respectfully
Yr obt Snt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agm

✓
Cotton Bureau, Dept. Home Affairs
Honolulu, Nov. 2. 1864.

Col. G. S. Helms
Hawaii.

Sir - I have the honor to acknowledge your
favor of Oct 20th. & its contents.

Col. Hutchins has not accepted the appointment sent him
from Richmond, nor has Judge Gray made any other
appointment. The Treasury Agency is now therefore
at work, and such Cotton as you may receive from
me hereafter will belong to the War Dept unless I can
succeed in getting in some title Cotton, which Judge Gray
has authorized me to ship if it can be obtained. I
will advise you with each shipment as to which
Dept it belongs.

Until the machinery of the
Treasury Agency can be put in motion this Bureau
will continue under the same officers, under a late
order from General E. Kirby Smith.

I had the honor on Oct 28th advising shipment of
40 Bales for Scher 'Josephine' for Tampico - for reshipments
to you. I am now loading ^{40 Bales} to B.C. on Scher 'Lightning' -
This bales from the Spanish District will ship 50 Bales
for Scher 'Geo. Burkhardt' & 200 Bales for Scher 'The Raris'.
I have offered for freight - Scher 'Governor' 50 Bales -
Scher 'Mary Agnes' 75 Bales - Scher 'Express' 30 Bales

The Steamers "Ireton", "Susana" & "Isaac" - I also claim the right to ship by - but my efforts during the last two months to ship by Steamers have proved so entirely unsuccessful that I do not count on them with any degree of certainty -

Up to the departure of the "Mania" & "Lima" - the Collector of the port had the warrant of the Treasury Agent, Judge Gray, for allowing all vessels to depart with full loads of Cotton on ships account where the Cotton had been received from Govt in payment for army supplies imported and sold by them - The interpretation of the Regulations having been based upon the letter of Col Bayne stating Secretary Hemming's decision to be that the word obligations in the Regulations covered all classes of indebtedness - You will recollect that Col Bayne illustrated his statement by giving at length the case of a vessel importing supplies of a value equal to part of the whole of her carrying capacity -

Upon this statement I based my regulations requiring the tonnage to be surrendered to Govt in any event, as it was evident the Govt would never ship any Cotton so long as goods were purchased from ships - I was surprised when you wrote me in reply that you did not think its publication would be politic - for though you sent

me the new Regulations you did not explain that a different construction had been placed upon the word 'obligation' - and your remark that you left the whole matter to me did not afford me any relief - You explain it all to Genl. Hutchinson now, and as I gather from the manuscript in which you speak of me that you have reported my operations in an unfavorable light to Richmond I claim as a matter of justice to myself that you set me right - You must perceive that the responsibility of the departure of a vessel rests upon the Collector alone - No military officer has the right to stop a vessel that has complied with the laws, & in view of instructions received up to that time the Collector supposed that the law was complied with - He granted clearance as to the vessels & the Commanding General approved the permit to go to sea - How can you infer - or further how can you intimate in your correspondence, - that I have not done all in my power to induce Steamers to take Govt. cargo - The Capt of the 'Reubyn' after promising to take 50 Bales for Govt. went to sea without it - The 'Reubyn' 'Gephine' 'Mania' 'Luna' & 'Susan' (previous trip) all came

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in denying the right of the Govt to claim their
tonnage - Mr. Lange particularly, stating that
from his conference with you he knew his ship
the "Maria" was entitled to take out a full cargo
on ship etc -

On Oct 29th instructions were received here from
Judge Gray by Mr. Soley not to allow any vessel to
go to sea without taking Govt Cotton - This fixes
the point you might have established in your
letters to me for "Denbigh"; by explaining your
construction of the word "obligation" or by sending
me copies of Seal Bay's letters - If these vessels
now go to sea without Govt Cotton the responsibility
rests solely with the Collector - I claim the right
to ship by them - I have always urged upon
them the necessity for taking Govt Cotton - They
had the advantage of Secretary Hemmingway's con-
struction & claimed its fulfillment -

You will pardon me for writing ^{now} in this
strain, I feel that it is only necessary to tell
you that you have done me injustice unwittingly
& you will repair it by making the proper
representations at Richmond -

Very respectfully
C. E. Wells, Capt & Adj. Genl.

Received, San Antonio, Texas
of Capt. C. Wells agent C. S. P. A.

1864

Bale Cotton, weighing

pounds, being in full satisfaction

and payment of \$125 Twenty five Bales Cotton, weighing
(10.640) Ten thousand, six hundred and forty pounds
which were impressed at San Antonio, on Nov 3. 1863
by Maj. A. C. Dickinson, Commanding Post and are
now returned to me by virtue of orders from General
C. Kirby Smith, dated April 16. 1864, - and
which with the receipts of the impressing officer are
attached hereto.

1864,

Secretary

Waco Manufacturing Co.

I certify that the above Cotton has been delivered as
stated, to Mr. J. B. Earle, Secretary of the Waco Manu-
facturing Company, in full settlement of their claim, and
under orders from Rept. Hd. Qrs. - as stated - The
Cotton impressed by Maj. Dickinson did not come
into the possession of the Cotton Bureau

Agent

Cotton Bureau, Rept. Hd. Qrs.

San Antonio

1864

(signed duplicates)

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Assn
Houston Nov 4. 1864

Capt S. C. Guichell,
San Antonio.

Capt -

Delivery to Mr J. D. Earle Secy of Texas
Wool Co. 35 Bales on 10.00 a pound Cotton,
taking his receipt on the forms enclosed in
duplicate, upon his surrendering to you the
certified copy of the first order from Capt
Smith, and the original order last obtained
from Capt S. D. G. -

I transmit all the papers to me & I will
receipt to Mr J. D. Earle for the Cotton, or
it may be deducted from the amount
to be invoiced by me hereafter, as you
may prefer -

Very respectfully

J. G. Wells

Capt S. C. Guichell

Capt S. C. Guichell

acty c/o

Cotton Bureau Receipt Trans No 1
 Houston Nov 7. 1862

Capt J. C. Mitchell,
 San Antonio.

Capt -

Delivered to Mr J. D. Earle Secy of Texas
 Wool Co. 25 Bales or 10.00 a pounds Cotton,
 taking his receipt on the forms enclosed in
 duplicate, upon his surrendering to you the
 certified copy of the first order from Capt
 Smith, and the original order last obtained
 from Capt H. D. G. -

I transmit all the papers to me & I will
 receipt to Mr J. D. Earle for the Cotton, or
 it may be deducted from the amount
 to be invoiced by me hereafter, as you
 may prefer -

Very respectfully

J. G. Wells

Capt. Wells

Capt. Wells

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M. R. Ballinger.

✓ Central Mexican Dept Trade Miss
Houston Nov 17. 1862

Mr. B. Earle Esq
Secy Waco Texas Co.

Sir.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of 34th Oct & make contents -
I now enclose an order on Capt Smith
which will satisfy your claim - To make
me a proper voucher please surrender the
copy sent you in my letter of 11th Oct. - also
the original of last order obtained from
Genl. Smith - and sign the forms enclosed
to Capt Smith herewith.

Very respy

Yr obt serv

C. G. Kelly

Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Havre Nov 9. 1864

Mrs. H. Jones Esq Gen
Victoria

Sir -

The Ste 'The Davis' is ready to take
in cargo, and as the Govt. will have to ship
200 Bales by her I write you to prepare to
furnish the bottom - Major Cabell will
give the necessary order - You need not
consider this letter official any further than
the notification is concerned - but as I can
communicate with you sooner than with Maj
Cabell, to whom I also write; I drop you
this notice in order to give the ship's owners
no opportunity to complain that the Govt made
no provision for loading her -

Very respectfully

C. G. Kelly

Capt

He will take the Govt Cotton from Louisa by
Steamboat 'Cora'

P. Hon Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Dec. 14 1862
 Jan 14 1863

Major A. S. Leakey Jr.
 Delmar

Major

The Ste "The Davis" is ready to
 take in your cotton. I expected her
 owners to give notice & then
 to give them no opportunity to complain
 of us & now whether Mr. Leakey sufficiently
 that she will require 200 bales from
 your warehouse, & to provide it. I
 told him the orders would come from you.

The Cotton will be taken from Lanaca
 by St. Roach "Cora" - The ship is loading
 at Matamoras - It will be necessary
 to place the Cotton at Lanaca where it
 can be laden on board the "Cora"

Very respectfully
 Yours truly
 C. G. Wells
 Capt.

Houston, Nov 8. 1864
 Capt H. C. Black Agn
 Shenepart -

Col Broadwell is not here -
 He was to leave here tomorrow night direct
 for Shenepart -

C. G. Wells
 Capt Agn.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Kansas, Nov 12. 1864
 Mr. W. J. Baker Esq, Capt
 Richmond

Sir.

I enclose my application to Capt McKay
 Commanding Negro Labor, for the Boy "Tyler" -
 You will see that his endorsement says take
 time - Please show it to the Enrolling
 Officer & get the negro & a descriptive list
 & send the list together with the enclosed
 paper - I will then forward it & get the
 special order for his assignment - In the
 meantime you can use him - Sent
 by Tuesday's mail if possible -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Capt Agn

Quartermaster Office
Jackson Nov. 6. 1862

W. H. Hackett
La Grange
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst, addressed
to the Chief of the Record, and note contents.

No memorandum of complaint
has been received at this office regarding the matter
you write about.

Under the new division of the Bureau
Major H. M. Sims at once is charged with the receipt
and receipt of all cotton purchased in the
Army of the Potomac list, and it is probable the cotton
has been turned over under the same arrangement to the
office at Waco. By corresponding with Maj. Sims you
can ascertain all you wish to know

Very truly
yours
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Quartermaster's office
Houston Nov 8. 1864

F. J. Cook Esq Capt
Houston

Sir

Yours of the 5th inst is at hand and contents noted. I will write Mr. Harty at Victoria and advise him as well as I am able what to do with the caskons, though I do not know to whom they belong and there is not time enough to write them.

I will send the proper explanation on this subject as soon as placed in possession of your certificate.

Very truly
yours
C. G. Mills
Capt & Agt

✓
John H. Russell Esq
Houston

Quartermaster Office
Houston Tex 8. 1864

✓
I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and make
reply. As Mr. Lydson is already detailed in the
army it will only be necessary to have him ~~transferred~~ transferred
to this office. See the heads of the War Bureau and
ascertain if they will make the transfer.

I send me also Mr. Lydson's
certificate of disability. it will aid me very much
should it be requisite to apply for a new detail.

I do not know with cer-
tainty where Col. Brownell is, but think he has
gone to New York.

Very respectfully
yours &c
L. G. Wells
Capt & Quar

Houston Nov 8. 1864.

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Wm. M. John Esq

Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 5th inst and note contents. Enclosed you will find Mr. Somerville's statement of the amount of bagging and rope furnished you as requested.

After a long personal interview with Col. Frost I have consented to let his cotton go ^{with} ~~without~~ examination. It appears by some means he induced Capt Owens to endorse on his certificate of exemption that the division made by him of the cotton embraced in the exemption was a fair one in both value in quantity and quality. After taking advice on the subject I considered that Capt Owens had committed this offense in such a manner that it was the best policy to let the cotton go without any further action. I therefore endorsed on the exemption a request to Maj. Willie to let the cotton go, but stated that I did not believe the govt. had a fair division as to quality. Enclosed you will find a copy of both Capt Owens' and my endorsements. I let the cotton go with great reluctance, not believing Col. Frost had dealt with us in a just manner. When you see Capt Owens please impress on him the great importance of being careful of what kind of ~~endorsements~~ endorsements he makes. Enclosed you will also find a copy of a statement made by J. H. Hinds Col. Frost's overseer, which states emphatically that Capt Owens saw all of the disputed lot of cotton. I did not however place any reliance on the overseer's statement.

Very Respectfully
Yours obt. Svt
A. G. Wells
Capt & a gen

Insurance Office
 Houston Nov 8 1864

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D. A. Davis Esq
 Cold Springs

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 29th ult. and note contents. The rate paid for return freight is five cents per pound per 100 miles in currency.

The Bureau is about changing hands and will soon be placed in charge of the Treasury Department and under the control of Judge Gray in view of which I do not think it advisable to proceed with the improvement of the cotton belonging to the estates you refer to.

Enclosed find the following certificates and explanations which you will please deliver to the proper parties.

Certificates dated	Nov 4	for	Jasper Boyd	see for 1872-74	
"	Oct 3	"	Wm. H. Youngblood	"	334.00
"	Oct 17	"	J. M. Watson	"	424.67
"	Oct 30	"	W. J. Watson	"	25.25
"	Oct 17	"	W. J. Watson	"	17.46
Exemption no	664	for	W. J. Watson	for	5 Bales
"	663	"	W. J. Watson	"	"
"	661	"	W. J. Youngblood	"	"
"	659	"	W. J. Watson	"	10
"	652	"	W. J. Watson	"	4

Very truly
 yours
 A. L. Wells
 Cashier

[Faint signature]

[Faint handwritten notes at bottom]

✓
 Quartermaster's Office
 Hanston Nov 8. 1864

Mr. Gill Esg
 Wharton

Sir

Enclosed please find certificate dated Oct
 20 in your favor for \$1704.46 and exemption
 no 665 for 40 - Baller cottons -

Very

Yr. att. Snt

L. E. Mills

Capt & a gnd

✓
 Quartermaster's Office
 Hanston Nov 8. 1864

✓
 Mr. E. M. McCarty Esg
 Wharton

Sir

✓
 Enclosed find certificate in your favor, ^{dated} Nov 3-2
 for \$2289.25 and exemption for forty six Baller cottons,
 no. 660

Very

Yr. att. Snt

L. E. Mills

Capt & a gnd

Quartermaster's Office 241
Harrison St

✓
J. H. Fairan Esq
La Grange
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst. Enclosed please
find certified dated Oct 20 form of Samuel McGowan
for \$1492 and exemption No 664 for three holes bottom

very Resp
Yours Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & a Gnd

✓
Col. Duncan Capt. H. H. H. H.
Denver Iron & Steel

✓
H. J. W. Hardie
Simoneau

Sir - I have your favor of 21st Oct
with enclosure - I now return the
receipt with the request that you will
send Capt. Barnetts in line of it if it can
be obtained without much trouble to yourself -
Your receipt is perfectly satisfactory to
me except that Col. O. Cannon has issued
a circular promulgating that part of the Army
Regulations which says that receipts of
officers not bonded will not be taken
as vouchers -

very Resp
Yours Svt
C. G. Wells

Leithen Duncan, Rept. Trans Miss.

Haustow, Nov. 8. 1864

Carl Gust. G. W. Quincy
Austin,

Austrie

Gov. - I have your favor of Oct 25 & 3rd inst
make returns -

I will pay old issue for the Cotton purchase & by now - In this case the 30% must be added

By hand - In this case the 50% must be added

to the price - I enclose you the various forms

to be used as vouchers, I should be glad to have

you make up your entire Cotton business on

Yours - You had better procure the signatures

after parties to the accounts. No signature

the Power of Attorney will do unless the Power of

Anthony accompanies each rancher - that is two

for each fragment.

all papers must be taken in duplicate - R_2

looking at the forms & conforming to them I think

your business can be closed without any trouble.

Die 10. 2^{te} 3^{te} 4^{te} - Quanten sind respectively 100

to 20th Feb. to 4 June 20th Sept & 21st Dec: - Every

This action must be placed in its appropriate quarter.

Said the papers to me as fast as you could take them

A year's draft for old currency will be paid on

Invitation - You only have about two months

✓ Cotton Bureau, Dept. of War Affairs
Houston, Nov 8 1864

H. A. Cross Esq. Atty.
Cold Spring

✓
Sir - I have your favor of 8th Inst & have
contents - The question of payment of Agents has
been a matter of serious consideration with me & I find
it still hard to solve. The regulations will only allow
a payment in Couped money, which everyone knows will not
 suffice for a support. The old Inspection Office
allowed to Report Agents the following schedule for work
done by them - Payable in Cotton at the schedule prices -
Storage 25¢. Weighing 5¢ Sampling 5¢ Ginning 10¢ Baling 10¢
Receiving & forwarding 25¢ Drayage 10¢. The agents paying
this over their time & office rent. I have been forced
to adopt this same schedule for all our Report Agts. in order
to have the work well done & I believe it is only just to pay
the Purchasing Agts at the same rate for the same work per-
formed by them. I will take the responsibility of doing so
in any case - You can make up your account accordingly
charging only for the work performed - Storage & Drayage
you do not incur - at least not in all cases - You can
collect a lot of Cotton that will pay you & on your notification I will
make you the exception -

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Wells Secy

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston, Nov 8. 1862
Maj A. W. Hille C. S.
San Antonio

Maj

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
of your favor of 30th ult & note contents.
At the request of Mr H. H. Campbell I
have made another search amongst Maj's files
looking for cancelled permits, for the original
authority from Genl Hatchins to O. K. Nichols
etc. to export 1000 Bales Cotton, but failed
to find it. I send you a copy from
the records of the Department Office, which
I suppose will answer the purpose. My
understanding is that the whole amount has
been exported.

Very respy

Yr obt serv

A. W. Hille

Capt

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Wm. R. Nicholas

2nd Texas Cotton Office
Houston Jan'y 1864

T. H. Bay, Agent Eagle Pass

Sir: The cotton belonging to Messrs W. R. Nicholas & Co. is reported to be about one thousand bales - now being reported under protection of Maj. B. Blount, will be allowed to pass out free from molestation or impediment, either of cotton, or waggons and teams engaged in transporting it.

Respectfully

(Signed)

W. J. Hutchins
Lt. Col & Chf

From records of the Cotton Office

A true copy

C. G. Wells

Capt. Eagle Pass

By the reports that Capt. Mitchell at San Antonio passed 300 Bales cotton on a hand wagon - The remainder seems to have been passed at Eagle Pass.

C. G. Wells

Capt. Eagle Pass

✓ Houston, Nov 8. 1854
Dr. J. H. Cardie,
Shreveport

62

I have your favor of 1st Inst. in
regards to Mr Bass' matters - Capt.
C. S. Kaugape tells me he wrote Mr Bass
yesterday fully in regard to it. As
near as I can understand he did not
succeed in getting the package -

всего перу

probatum

C. G. Kelly

Geoffrey

Dear Samuel is doubtless with you
one this - He wrote me from Haco
Oct 21. that he was there preparing
to leave direct for Seneport - I
feel disappointed that he did not return
this way -

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Nov 2. 1864

W. H. Faison Esq agt
La Grange

Sir

Yrs of the 5th inst is at hand: Enclosed please
find certified a/c dated Nov 3 1864 for Mr. D. J. J. Locke
for 500 lb and exemption no 668 for Sir's balls cotton

Respy your attt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster's Office
Houston Nov 3. 1864

W. H. Faison Esq
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst
and have contents. I sent you on the 28th inst
from Austin for 500 lb for 500 lb cotton and have
not yet received certificate from you for them

Very Respy
your attt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Quartermaster Office
Houston Nov 8. 1864

✓
J. M. Smith Esq
Fairfield

Sir
I am in receipt of yours of the 30th inst and
am contented; Enclosed please find certified copy in
your favor of J. Carroll Smith dated Nov 8 for \$1256.
I have also requested sent the exemption No 667 for 23
Baker's letter to J. Carroll Smith care of Lubbock
the San Antonio

Very Respy
Yr Obedt Snt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agm

Quartermaster Office
Houston Nov 8. 1864

✓
Dr. Wm. H. Smith Esq
Liberty

Sir
I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst & at hand; Enclosed please
find exemption in your favor dated Nov 8 for \$1052
and exemption No 670 for other sales below

Respy
Yr Obedt Snt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agm

Quartermaster's office
Houston Nov 8. 1864

✓
George Melling E. G.
Capt. U. S. Cavalry Regt
Albany

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst
with enclosures and note contents. The remission
your request has been delivered personally to
the proper authorities.

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agnd

Quartermaster's office
Houston Nov 8. 1864

J. Marshal Smith
Lieut. U. S. Cavalry Regt
San Antonio

This enclosed please find remission in your
favor 1867 for Twenty three bales cotton sent
you at request of R. R. Smith of Fairfield. I have
sent the proper certified copy to Mr. R. R. Smith at
Fairfield.

Very Resp
Yr obt Svt
L. G. Wells

Coastal Bureau, Cape Hagen, New Guinea
 Manuscript, 10.10.1912
 R. S. J. Lennell Esq.

Manuscript, 10.10.1912
 Sir,

I enclose Cont. of - 19 B.C. - \$412.92 - The
 description having been given you by Col Broadwell
 in advance of the delivery of the Coats - I
 have no data in the Office by which to know
 whether the Goods furnished you were Baggs & Rope,
 or whether you supplied yourself - In the
 latter case the Cont. of is wrong & you are
 entitled to double prices & no deduction should
 be made for Baggs & Rope, - if so please return
 it & have it corrected - In the former
 case the acct is right & you will please
 sign the Baggs & Rope Receipt & return
 it to me. - You will have to
 decide this question for me.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Kelly

Capt. Hagen

Actg. Off.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Miss
Havre, Nov 9. 1864

I have this day delivered to the Sloop
'Express' Capt Freeman thirty Bales of
Cotton for shipment on Government Order
to Tampico - this being the estimated
half Capacity of the vessel -

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agent
Atty. Gen.

James D. Butler Esq.

Collector Port of Galveston

\$1558.25

Specie funds

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Houston Aug 7. 1864

Three days after sight pay to the order of
 A Davidson. or Capt F. S. Lynch. Fifteen Hundred and
 fifty Eight ²⁴/₁₀₀ dollars in Coin - being for half the value
 of Twenty three Bales Sea Island Cotton purchased of
 A. Davidson. and charge the same to official acct of

W. G. Wells

To W. M. Perkins Esqr

C. S. Commr Agt

Matamoros Mexico-

Capt F. S. Lynch

Actg. Clk

\$1558.25

New Currency

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss

Houston Aug 7. 1864

Due A. Davidson in new issue U. S.
 Treasury notes - Fifteen Hundred and fifty eight ²⁴/₁₀₀
 dollars. being for half the value of Twenty three Bales
 Sea Island Cotton purchased of A. Davidson -
 payable when the new issue is received at this off.
 or on demand in the Old Currency at 60 Cts per dollar

\$2337.50 if in old Currency

W. G. Wells

Capt F. S. Lynch

Actg. Clk

✓ C. B. Bureau kept from Miss
 Houston, Nov. 9. 1864
 Capt J. S. Lynch Agt
 Brownsville

Capt - I have the honor to acknowledge
 receipt of your favor of Oct 21st & make contents. I
 am glad to be able at last to arrive at the proper
 mode of settlement for Mr. Haridson's loan. -
 Saml. Trausen & Brownsville in Sept last pre-
 sented the settlement I was endeavoring to make in
 order to satisfy yourself, Mr. H. Trausen, and I
 have hitherto been unable to arrive at what was
 wanted -

I now enclose my draft
 at 3 days sight on Mr. H. H. Perkins, coin \$1558.24
 my due bill for new currency - 1558.24
 & the certified account which you will please hand
 over to Mr. Haridson through some of your friends
 in Brazos after you can satisfy him that you have
 collected the specie for him - I have no new currency,
 but suppose my due bill will answer temporarily -

May I ask your especial attention to having the
 money sent me -

Very respectfully

Yours and

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agt.

✓
Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Havenshaw, Nov 9. 1862

✓
Wm. H. Perkins Esq. U. S. Consul Genl
Matamoros Mexico -

Sir - I have your favor of Dec 21st & make contents - on payment of the 33 Dec 1861 I send Capt Lynch to day, my \$3⁰⁰ on your favor of 1.338²⁴ coin - dated Aug 7th 62 - which please pay & receive the Cotton -

I drew a draft on your office months since favor of P. L. Bethell for \$12,950 - He now writes me that you do not pay it on the grounds that you are not receiving Cotton funds for that special purpose. The identical Cotton the draft was given for will not be sent to Mexico, as it is 100 miles east of this point - Please pay the draft as he desires - out of general funds or Cotton -

Will you please invoice to me all the money you have paid on my drafts - I desire to receipt to you direct for it - Col Broadwell's instructions to me are that you will receipt to me for the Cotton sent you, & I to you for the money you pay on my drafts -

Very respectfully
Yours truly

W. G. Kelly Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss
Hautau, Nov 9, 1864

Major A. S. Cabell G.M.
~~San Antonio~~ Chittaw

Major -

I enclose my official exemption
No. 189 - East Hatching & Co. 100 B/C - Nov 8 64
• 190 - do 128 do.

For the first please instruct me my permit
letter in their favor for 100 B/C to be shipped
from Bartraps County by S. Reynolds, Gt -
and for the second, endorse upon my
second permit letter for same parties from
said County (250 Bales) that I have furnished
exemption for 125 B/C - I will take up
my letter by sending you an exemption
for the balance as soon as the Cotton is
delivered -

Very respy
Yrs abt sol
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Adg. Co.

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Mills
Houston, Nov 9. 1864

H. L. H. Harry Esq
Victoria.

Sir -

As requested by Mr J. J. Crooke Cgt for
Austin County, I enclose Exemption No 188
for #5 B/C, \$22.280 to Messrs King & Co - This
this you will obtain a permit from Maj A.S.
Cahell at Chilton, You will then transport
the Cotton to Rio Grande City, or to Brownsville,
if you can obtain a permit for that place -
On arrival there deliver the Cotton to Capt
Kenney if he is to be found - if not, to
Maj Baughn at Rio Grande City or to Capt
Grice at Brownsville, & instruct them
to deliver to King & Co - Take a memoran-
-dum receipt from the party you deliver
to, & send it to me on your return, so
that I may be able to trace it - The
Agent of Messrs King & Co. in Austin County
should have receipted for it there & thus give
me a receipt before the Cotton left the
County -

Very respectfully

C. G. Bell, Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Houston Nov 9. 1864
 Geo. W. Wilson Esq
 Beaumont

Sir -

✓ I have your favor of 4th Inst in relation to exchanging Sugar for Cotton. I am only authorized to use Cotton in procuring Army Supplies brought from abroad & not obtainable in the country - I do not know of any party being authorized to use Cotton in any other way. Suppose your information is incorrect.

Very respy

Yr obt serv
 G. G. Wells
 Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Nov 9. 1864

Capt. W. H. Ford

Beaumont

Capt - I am in receipt of your
favor of 7th inst & make content. You
can make the contract with Mr Hitters.
Stipulate that he must provide covered Boats
& deliver the Cotton at Beaumont at 85. cts
Bale, in the same order that he receives it -
Send me one copy of the contract -

Said that the Cotton put up at Thigals gin
is very much mixed - so much so as to be
almost worthless - Who superintended the
packing?

Send me before the 15th Decr. all the
old currency you have remaining of the
\$10.000 advanced you - also send me the
vouchers for the amount disbursed -
It is important that it should be here at
least two weeks before Jan 1st - or I will
be accountable for its face value -

Very respy

G. G. Wells

Capt. H

Cash Bureau kept from this
Houstons Nov 9. 1862

Major.

Please send me the \$5000 old
currency - or as much as remains unexpended -
so that I may receive it by Dec 15th next -
Also send me vouchers for the amount
disbursed - Unless it comes in
before Dec 31st I may be made
responsible for its face value, as it
goes out of circulation Jan 1st 1863 -
Must be deposited with Mr. Soley
before that date -

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt. Co

Maj. L. C. Remondree
Huntsville
Texas

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Texas
 Houston Nov 9. 1864
 W. C. Hunt Esq
 Liberty

Sir -

I have your favor of 1st inst
 & the Cotton as stated - The 10 Bales
 from Strauss belongs to Maj Karts
 Rept -

Send me previous to Dec 15th next
 all the old currency you have on
 hand out of the \$10,000 advanced you
 also the vouchers for the currency
 disbursed - Unless I deposit it
 into Sir Soley previous to 1st Dec
 I may be made responsible for its
 face value -

J. J. Ryan sent me the vouchers
 a day or two ago - 32 R/C -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Capt 10

✓ Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Mails ✓
 Hawaiian, Nov 9. 1894

Col J. C. Rothell
 Hawaii

Sir - I have your favor of 30 Oct & note
 contents. I have written to Mr Perkins to-
 day to pay the draft. - He has had Cotton
 & funds sent him on general acct, he will
 pay it out of them. - It is mainly your
 own fault that the draft has not been
 paid, for you have held back 300 Bales of
 the Cotton it was given in payment of -

The Cotton Bureau will be set aside & placed
 in the hands of the Treasury Department. - but
 not entirely closed. - All its contracts will
 be respected and carried out. - The terms
 by which private parties will be able to carry
 out Cotton under the new Regulations is very
 hard on the people. - However they brought
 it on themselves & have no one else to blame.
 The order to increase comes direct from Washington
 and it will be done if the people will not sell.

The Cotton at Saluictown has been turned
 over where it is to Contractors for transportation.

I enclose a copy of the receipt given you
 by Col Robinson. - The original I must
 keep on file -

Very respy
 G. G. Webb
 Capt &c

Western Bureau Recd & Grace Milled
 Houston Nov 9. 1862
 A. W. Garrison Esq Cyl
 La Grange

Sir

I have your favor of 5th inst & note
 contents - I will try to send you the
 Rape & Bagging in time to enable you to fill
 the Ball Mutchings & Co. order -

I enclose my communication to Capt
 H. Richardson of Commission & his endorse-
 -ment relative to Leal Bunnos - Upon
 the whole you had better not give the
 teamsters permission to go - If Leal B.
 returns with salt by his first train, it
 might warrant the use of our teamsters
 but as he has not given the Bond required
 by the contract I cannot give any orders
 allowing the use of the conscript teamsters -

I have explained this to Mr. Commack.

Very respy

Yours sub

W. G. Wells

Capt Fe

✓ Cotton Bureau Rept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 9. 1864 ✓

A.H.P. Cavender Esq. Lt.

Georgia.

Sir.

I have your favor of 1st inst & its contents.

I wrote you some time ago to obey Maj. Davis' instructions in regard to shipping Cotton, in reference to all Cottons not paid for by me. - He will not object to my receiving Cotton for which I am responsible. - But if he does, I yield the point, only requiring you to furnish me with B/L of all the Cotton you ship under his directions, so that I may get proper receipts for it. If you do not ship to Savannah, there will be no way to send your Bagging from that point, and you should advise me so that I may divert it to other Counties.

I enclose cert of R.W. Blackhear of B/C \$3.091⁷⁹ which please hand him - I have no new currency, but can pay in old issue at 10 legal discount. if he can make it receipt the exemption for above I issue to day in name of Philip Huger. Major Willie does not issue permits any longer on Agents certifs. They must either be issued by me or Maj Davis for your Agency.

Very respectfully

J. G. Webb
Capt

Cotton Bureau, Capt. Francis Mills
Houston, Nov. 9. 1864

S. A. Miller Esq Cpt

Crockett

Sir.

I have your favor of 5th Inst & make
contacts - A package of Blanks is sent you
by mail to day -

Your remarks about Bagg & Rope are very
just - The remoteness of your country is the
only reason why you have not been supplied -
I have distributed in the countries nearest the
Railroads over 100,000 yds Bagg & some
quantity of Rope & the demand still continues.
I will make it a point now to send Bagg & Rope
to Savaneta for you & will advise you so
that you may send a load of Cotton down &
have back the Baling material -

With private parties who have only to supply
enough for a few hundred Bales it is very
easy to deliver it at any point - but in our
case the necessities of the Govt. were so pressing
that it was necessary to put the Bagg & Rope
first where the Cotton could be easiest got at
& earliest got to market - I believe that Col.
Hutchins has purchased all the Baling material
that was offered anywhere in the State for sale,
& has encouraged large importations of it, but the
supply so far has not been sufficient to bale
half the Cotton we have contracted for -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss. 265
Havens Ave 9. 1864

J. H. Cunningham Esq Apt
Port Sullivan.

Sir, I have your favor of Oct 21. & answer &
note enclosed - Enclosures rec'd as stated.
I enclose Cert. of Exemption - & by 4 -
J. J. Perkins - S B C - 2468 etc - \$ 578 00

I cannot give you an exemption on any other terms
than other people receive them on - The reason
must be obvious - A public outcry would be the
immediate result - The payment of agents has
been a matter of serious thought with me - The
Regulations allow only Couped money to be paid - but
everyone knows this will not support a man at \$300
per day - The old Texas Cotton Office used to
pay their Agent a certain specified rate for the
work performed by them - payable in Cotton at the
schedule prices - say Storage 25¢ Weighing 5¢
Sampling 5¢ Clearing 10¢ - Banking 10¢ Receiving
& Forwarding 25¢ Drayage 10¢ - equal to 90¢ per
Bale if all the work is done - but only such
work as is actually performed to be charged for -
the Agent paying his own clerk time & office &
warehouse rent - The Cotton paid to be ex-
-empted for exportation - I believe I will
adopt these prices for the canvassing Agents who
do the work - You can charge for all but
Drayage & Storage - Make up your account & send
it down & I will send up a voucher for you
to sign -

Very respy
L. G. Wells
Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Nov 9. 1864
Messrs R. King & Co.
Matagorda.

Dear Sir,

I have your favor of 4th & 8th insts
from Galveston - I will see that
Mr Frederick's or Garcia does not get
an exemption here to apply to Matagorda
County Cotton.

I enclose cert. of Exemption
Jacob Strauss - 20 R/C 1864 40

45 R/C have been shipped from Austin County
for your use - as our Gt did not know who
your Gt at Rio Grande City is, he sent to me
for directions - I sent the exemption to the
wagon master, M. H. W. Waring, at Victoria, to
Loy & told him to try to get to Brownsville
& deliver the cotton to Capt Kennedy - if he
could not find him to deliver it to Maj
Baughman at Rio Grande City or Capt Lytle
at Brownsville, to be sold for you -
You should write to Brownsville about
it -

Very respectfully
L. G. Wells
Capt & Co

✓ Colfax Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Nov 9. 1864
 Major A. H. Willie C.S.
 San Antonio

✓ Major - I have your favor of 3rd Inst & have
 have the honor to enclose cert of exemption -
 H. Springfield 33 R/C - \$3.040.00
 Very respectfully
 G. G. Wells
 Capt &c

✓ Colfax Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Nov 9. 1864
 John Matthews Esq
 Carey Matamoros Co.

✓ Sir - I have your favor of 2nd Inst &
 now enclose cert of exemption
 H. G. Warren 24 R/C - \$1.443.30
 Very respectfully
 G. G. Wells
 Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss ✓
 Houston, Tex 10. 1864
 J. W. Henderson Esq.
 Richmond

Sir. I have your favor of 3^d inst. - I have
 not heard from Robertson County that J. S. Ables
 has delivered any Cotton - but write to the
 Agent to day to know.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells
 Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Tex. 10. 1864
 J. W. Cunningham Esq Esq.
 Port Sullivan -

Sir. Has J. S. Ables ever delivered the Cotton
 on the order of J. W. Henderson sent you some
 two months ago? If so please send certifi-
 cate name of J. W. Henderson -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Rept from this
Houston, Nov 10. 1864

Col J. B. Robinson Esq
Hacoma Park.

Sir,

I have your favor of 30th Oct. with en-
-losures & note contents.

The change in the Cotton Bureau will not affect
our contracts - Consequently you will do well to
make as many as possible until I write you
to stop proceedings - All of our exemptions will be
good up to a certain date (say Dec 1st), so as to
enable us to get in the Cotton we have contracted
for -

The new Regulations are very hard
on the people - Our rules are much more to
their advantage -

Please send me the Receipt to S. H. Cleveland
for 20 bbls - He is very anxious to get it - Send
forward all the Cotton you can, including Vents,
before the Roads become impassible -

Very respy

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt Vago

acty dep

Colon Duncan Dept Transatlantic
 Hamilton, Nov. 10. 1864

V. H. John Esq. Lt -
 Richmond

Sir - I have your favor of 5th Inst
 make contents - The difference between the Perry
 & Red a/c. is that one was at single schedule because
 the Govt furnished Buggy Rope - the other at double rates
 because the party furnished his own Buggy Rope.

What shall I do with the \$300 for Hand & Arms &c?

Mr. Meilen says he will take his Column
 on Plantation, just as Ball Duttinget & Co. do, and
 pay for the transportation to the Regt. - I
 send him, & the payment of freight you should
 probably write him to authorize you to engage
 transportation for him -

The schedule rates applicable to our account
 is the second or middle one - say 10¢ to 15¢ -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Capt. Graves Miss -
 Haverhill, Nov 10. 1864
 Col. Thos. J. McKinney
 Austin

Sir -

✓ I have your favor of 2nd - but from
 San Antonio wrote contents - I have
 written you fully to Austin in accordance with
 Col. Broadwells' instructions. & sent also the
 exemptions for your 20% on all the Cotton
 you had enroute or on the Rio Grande as
 shown by your reports handed to him. -

I will issue more special exemptions on your
 additional report of more Cotton placed en-route
 by you -

Major Willie will facilitate the movement
 of all cotton forwarded by you on file with the
 Govt -

Very respectfully your obedt servt -
 C. G. Wells
 Captain

William Duncan, Dept Texas New
 Houston, Nov 10. 1864
 Major R. H. Davis, U. S.
 Waco.

Major -

I have the honor to enclose Transfer
 papers of the \$50,000 old currency advanced
 to Maj Geo. W. Walker, July 20. 64 - Please
 sign receipts & return to me.

Please instruct Mr. Canfield at Leon
 to ship me the cotton I am responsible for,
 unless this arrangement interferes seriously
 with your plans - The country I have been
 is pretty nearly exhausted, & if the opportunities
 are cut off from me I must leave unpaid many
 of the debts contracted & payable at Houston -

Very respy

Yr obt serv

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Catharine Buncan, Dept France & Als
Hauterue Nov 10. 1864

W. Hagblum Esq
Richmond

Sir -

I have your favor of 8th - but with en-
-closure - I send your certified ap & Exemption
to Mr. John, with whom you have some settlement
to make about Buggy & Rope - Major Thelie
will divide the exemption as you want it -

Very respectfully

Yr obt serv

C. C. Wells

Capt 10

Catharine Buncan Dept France & Als
Hauterue Nov 10. 1864

W. Hagblum Esq Esq
Richmond

Sir,

I enclose as requested Cert of
Exemption - W. Hagblum Esq - 1506. 18

Very respectfully

Yr obt serv

C. C. Wells

Capt 10

Eastern Bureau Dept of Game & Fish
Hannover, Nov 10. 1864

A. A. Ormsby Esq Esq
Cold Spring

Sir -
H. S. Hogue

I enclose cert of exemption
42 &c - \$ 2264.44 -
Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Eastern Bureau Dept of Game & Fish
Hannover, Nov 10. 1864

Ben Jones Esq Esq
Brentland.

Sir -

I enclose cert of exemption

✓ J. C. Spauld	ad &c	\$ 309.68
✓ L. Landes	&c	377.79
✓ E. A. Gause	4 &c	
	&c 154	882.50

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Colfax Bureau Rept. Frank Miss.

Hanston Nov 11. 1864 -

Two four mule teams & wagons belonging
to Messrs. Boone & Smoker, one in the employ
of this Bureau, and one not subject to impressment.
Impressing Officers are requested not to molest
them in any manner whatever -

Co. G. Mills

Capt. & Agt.

Actg. Clk.

Colfax Bureau Rept. Frank Miss

Hanston Nov 11. 1864

Major Henry Pendleton G. H.

Will please furnish Capt. Geo. J.
Hall with transportation for self from Hanston, &
for eight mules, two wagons & fixtures, from Liberty
City Railroad to Beaumont. The wagons & teams
are required for the use of this Bureau on the road
from Orange to Delaché.

Co. G. Mills

Capt. & Agt.

Actg. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Capt James Hiss
Houston, Nov. 11, 1864.

Capt H. B. Lee Agt
Beaumont.

Capt. Messrs Hallett & Smoker have succeeded in procuring two wagons & teams - but they will want forage to sustain the teams while on the road - Can you give them your blank receipts to be used by them with the tick agents - and afterwards expend the quantity of forage they are on the road? These gentlemen can be trusted to any extent & I sincerely trust you can so far facilitate them & this office - I have no such things as animals or forage on my papers, want to avoid taking them up if possible - You can manage it I hope without any considerable trouble -

Capt Hall tells me you have some condemned tents on hand, with no special use for them - As they are in serious want of wagon covers you would oblige me none much by loaning them two, to be returned by them when the wagons are sent back -

Very respectfully

J. P. Holt

C. G. Wells

Capt Hagan

Actg. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Repd James Miss
Houston, Nov 11. 1864

Major G. H. Willie Co. C.
San Antonio,

Major -

I have your favor of 8th inst in regard to Exemption for B. H. Jackson's 32 AC, delivered in Anderson County. I have a letter from Agent H. C. Lanahan, Oct 22, in which he says that Jackson has delivered 32 Bales sent a like quantity out in charge of H. C. Pringle & H. H. Malone - and asks that it may not be intercepted. He does not, however, send his certificate of Receipt.

I write him today to send it at once, & I will forward you the exemption as soon as received. In the meantime if you will issue the permit, I think you will be warranted under the circumstances in doing so.

Very respectfully

J. R. R. R.

Co. G. 11th

Cap. R.

Cotton Bureau, Dept of War
Havens, Nov 11. 1864

J. W. McLanahan Esq
Parkers' Bluffs

Sir

On Oct 22nd, you wrote me that S. H. Jackson had turned over 32 B/Cotton to you, & sent a like quantity to San Antonio, & you decided it should not be interrupted - You did not send your certificate, nor did Mr. Jackson have it presented - consequently his Cotton has been stopped at San Antonio for want of an Exemption - If you have his 32 B/C, send me your certificate at once, and I will send my exemption to San Antonio & have his Cotton released - I have already written to Maj. Willie that I would send the exemption if he would let the Cotton go on - but you must send the Certificate to me - If you have given it to Jackson, get it from him & send it - The Agents Certificate is very important, as all the business of the Office is based upon it -

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Mex
 Austin, Nov 11. 1864

Major A. S. Cabell G.M.
 San Antonio - Delaware -

Major - I have your favours of 27th & 29th Inst
 & note contents -

The Bagging & Rape question is a very hard
 one to solve - I buy all I can get & am
 still very far short of supplying my own Dist -
 I would advise you to buy the Bagging & Rape you
 refer to, & pay for it in exempted Cotton, at the
 new schedule - say 8¢ advance on all grades - Take
 the purchase voucher against it, & expend the Bagging &
 Rape - In paying for it convert the Cotton into money
 on Form 44 - Chet - I. If you wait for supplies
 from Capt Smith, they may come too late to do you
 any service -

If you are responsible for the \$300,000 - advance
 I would advise you to pay it over to the Depository at
 San Antonio, to the credit of the Treasurer, before Dec 31st
 & thus avoid being made chargeable when it is of no value
 to you - This receipt will be a good voucher -

Very respectfully
 C. G. Wells, Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Rept Trans Miss
Havens, Nov 11. 1864

Major A. S. Cabell G.M.
Columbia

Major - ✓ I have the honor to acknowledge
your favor of 29th Octo - relative to pay of Agents &c.
I cannot furnish the data you require, as no decision
has ever been arrived at on the question of compensation.
Messrs Cross & Harris can inform you how long they
have been at work -

The Regulations will allow only of 30¢ per day C.B.
notes - if the men are regularly taken up & reported as No. 2.
This will not support them - The old Cotton Office paid
its Depot Agts certain rates per Bale, & gave them Cotton at
its specie value, considering them contractors for the
work - The Depot Agts were required to pay their own
board hire & maintenance & office rent - I enclose a copy
of the old instructions, upon which the rates are indicated -

When canvassing or general agts perform the labor there
assigned to Depot Agts, I have adapted this mode of payment,
should recommend you to do the same - If the gentlemen
being in the army they cannot become contractors, & are
only to be paid as detailed men, & their expenses are to be
borne by the Govt -

Vernespy signat
Co. G. Wells, Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Havana, Nov 11. 1864.

Gen G. J. Helm,

C. S. Commr. Gt. - Havana.

Dear Sir,

I have the honor to enclose D/L 30 Bales
Cotton for Steep 'Express' - This vessel was to
clear for Tampico, but under late instructions from
Judge Gray, no vessel can sail with Govt. Cotton to
any port where there is no Govt. Gt. - Consequently
her destination has been changed to Havana - and
I trust she will reach you in safety - Mark [W] C.

I enclose copies of my letters of Oct 28th & Nov 4th
to the latter of which I call your attention - Up
to this date no Treasury Gt. has been appointed, &
I have been instructed to ship the Govt. half on
all vessels required to take it - The question of
the vessels liability to take Govt. Cotton is decided under
the law by Judge Gray & Mr. Bodley, and I am not
responsible for any failure on the part of ships to
take Cotton to you. I again ask you to re-
-mind your reports to Richmond, if you have
not any. Have no one in the matter under a
misapprehension of my letters and papers in any
incumbent position -

The Cotton marked [W]C is sent now for the use of the War Department. - If you can avoid an immediate use of the proceeds I would prefer to have them remain at the credit of this Bureau, to be drawn for if necessary in liquidation of its indebtedness, in case we should be unable to pay in Cotton as agreed upon.

The Treasury Cotton I will ship you will be wanted [B/T] - The instructions from Richmond say that this Cotton must be shipped to Liverpool to Greger, Trenholm & Co. for credit of P. H. Gray, Treasury A/c for Trans Miss Rept. - If shipped merely for Treasury Rept, the proceeds cannot be drawn except upon warrant from Richmond, while the intention is that it is always to be subject to Judge Gray's drafts. - Only such portion is to be sold as is necessary to defray the expenses of forwarding.

Greger, Trenholm & Co. are also to be advised what officer in this Rept ships the Cotton.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt & Agent
Actg. Secy.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Houston, Nov 11, 1854

J. S. Vaddor Esq. Cpt.
Tennessee,

Sir -

Please send me a statement of all
the cotton you have sent to San Antonio
or any other point West -

Say -

To whom shipped

By what train -

Bales - pounds - classification -

From whom purchased -

Date of shipment -

Mr Percy wants the same to enable him
to mark the Cotton off his Books -

Very resp

Yr obt serv

G. G. Wells

Asst Sec

✓
 Cotton Bureau left Trans Right
 Hamilton Nov 12. 1864 ✓

✓
 John Watson Esq
 Lexington

Sir

Yours of the 10th inst with enclosure is
 recd. Enclosed please find description of 1000 lbs
 of cotton for 20 bales and enclosed of same
 weight for 100 bales.

Very truly
 Yrs
 C. C. Will
 Capt. 1st Regt

Cotton Bureau left Trans Right
 Hamilton Nov 12. 1864

✓
 J. B. Bailey Esq
 Louisville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th inst and note
 contents. Enclosed find certified copy in your favor of
 M. B. Rawlings for 1000 lbs. I have forwarded the
 description to him at San Antonio as requested

✓
 Very truly
 Yrs
 C. C. Will
 Capt. 1st Regt

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mex
 Houston Nov 18 1864

M. A. Traylor Esq
 Whipple Hill

Sir

Enclosed please find certified copy of report in
 your favor for Texas and application for 5000 lbs
 very truly

Yours truly

C. L. Mills

Capt & Co

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Mex
 Houston Nov 5. 1864

M. A. Traylor Esq
 San Antonio

Sir

Enclosed find application in your favor for 5000 lbs for
 5000 lbs cotton forwarded at request of J. B. Bailey agent
 for water county. I have sent your certified copy to
 Mr. Cady.

Very truly

C. L. Mills

Capt & Co

Bottom Bureau Dept. Trade Miss.
Houston Nov. 12, 1864

J. R. Fenn Esq
Orinda

Sir

Enclosed please find the following certified of & exempted
Certified of dated Nov. 11, 1864 for J. R. Fenn for \$594.92

Exemption no 693 for J. R. Fenn for 15 Sales bottom
" 694 " of Tomlinson. 13

Very Resp
yours
C. E. Wells
Capt. R. M.

Bottom Bureau Dept. Trade Miss.
Houston, Nov. 14, 1864

S. Reynolds Esq
Bastrop

Sir -

I have given favor of 10 to
but - know enclosed Cert of & Exemption, for
H. Newman + 200 - S. R. C. \$1194.45
endowed to pass of Sales of same weight

Very Resp
C. E. Wells
Capt. R. M.

Cotton Demand Dept from Miss
Hancock Nov 12. 1864

Genl.

I understand Genl Smith has signed the order relative to permits & the exportation of Cotton. assigning a day of 1st as the limit of all exportations under the exemption. If this is the order it should be modified. The agreement at Marshall was, as understood by Genl. Hutchins, that I should have until July 1st to do some of the business - that Maj. Wallis would come & permit up to July 1st but that the parties holding the permits would be allowed a reasonable time after that date to export the Cotton covered by the permits.

Unless this understanding is covered in the order, it will do us no good. Landing will cease in two or three weeks & cannot be resumed until next April. If our exemptions will not cover the exportation of the Cotton at a time when it will be convenient or possible to make the trip, people are not going to comply with their contracts. Their influence at Dept. Hdqrs. can be naturally secured in this matter. If the time must be limited make July 1st the earliest date. on at least compel parties to have their permitted Cotton on board by that date.

Messrs. Hoane & Snider have completed their task at Orange. The Cotton has not all arrived here yet.

There will be about 300 Bales unmerchantable Cotton in
~~the~~ lot to come - packed especially from damaged pickings
 intended only for Gun Boat Armor - This, with the cot-
 ton named in my report will make about 600 Bales of the
 quality - It is not probable that any more Bales will be
 Cotton cloth, and the best use to make of this Cotton will be
 to sell it - and stop risk and expense - If you agree with
 me please send me an order to sell - I would suggest at
 Austin - If freights were not so high this Cotton would do
 to ship to Liverpool - where it would probably bring 10 to 15¢

Chase & Smoker have measured to themselves 37 Bales
 good Cotton & will account to Capt Black for it - They tell me
 they are to receive \$3000 for Bales, payable in Cotton at 25¢ per lb.
 for their transportation & labor -

I regret that you could not come this way on your
 return to Liverpool - I will be glad to know through you
 of all the orders affecting the status of the Bureau - also
 your instructions as to future proceedings - The Gambles
 to come down the Sabine will pay all Capt Hatchins' house
 debts. If I am allowed to draw up as I wish I am going to
 draw out of my pocket 100 Bales of Cotton to send to Mexico -

Lt. Col. W. A. Crockett
 of Capt. Bureau
 Liverpool, La.

Very respectfully
 C. E. Wells
 Capt. Co.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Affairs
Houston, Nov 12. 1864.

Cen. J.B. Robinson Esq
Houston

Sir - I am told it will be necessary
to rebale the Govt. Cotton at D. & H. Martins near
Coleta - Please send some one over to have it done.
The Bagg & Ropes that I. Strains had will suffice to cover
it - If you have no Bagg & Ropes, please have the Cotton
packed in Bales & Ropes, send it down - Your
attention will much oblige me.

Very respectfully,
C. E. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Affairs
Houston, Nov 12. 1864.

J. E. Spaul Esq
Wichita Falls

Sir - I have your favor of 10th inst.
Your remittance sent to me sent to the Bank
I am an old hand -

Very respectfully,
C. E. Wells
Capt &c.

✓
 Esther Roman Esq. Trans. Miss
 Haustron, Nov 12 1864

✓
 J. M. G. Esq.
 Palestine

✓
 Sir, I have your favours of 9th & 14th
 & note contents. I have not yet seen
 Genl Smith's order about permits & exportation of Cotton.
 I write to Shreveport today about it.

Mr. McLaughlin can give you any Cotton he may
 acquire in Anderson Co. - it is not necessary for me
 to give orders for special lots. I am not willing
 to give orders on other counties, until Mr. M.C. has
 failed to pay your account with Anderson & Cotton.
 I must first have his reports of what Cotton he has
 sold you - including the half of your owed. You
 will recollect you were to turn over to your Cotton
 & receive it back again in payment of your Dr. R. &
 friends. I have never heard from Mr. M.C. on
 this subject.

Very truly
 Yours
 W. H. Wells
 Esq.

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Cotton Bureau Sept Trans Miss
Lanston Nov 8, 1864

✓
K. White Esq agt
Anderson

I am in receipt of yours of the 7th & 9th insts and
those contents. As soon as practicable send me the list of
the bagging and rope destroyed in the burning of your res-
idence and I will make out an affidavit to be sworn to
to cover the loss. Enclosed find a list of blank certificates
as requested.

The question of the payment of agents has
been a matter of serious consideration with me & I find it
difficult to solve. The regulations will only allow us to pay out
in kind money which every one knows will not suffice
for support. The old Texas Cotton Office allowed to defray
agents the following schedule for work done by them. Payable
in sampled cotton at the schedule prices. — Storage 20¢
weighing 5¢ sampling 5¢ classing 10¢ marking 10¢ receiving
or forwarding 20¢ & voyage 10¢. The agent paying their
own clerk hire and office rent. I have been forced to adopt
the same schedule for all our depot agents, in order to
have the work well done & I believe it is only just to
pay the canvassing agents at the same rate for the same
work performed by them. I will take the responsibility of
doing it at any rate & you can make up your account
accordingly charging only for the work performed. Storage
and drayage you do not incur at least in all cases. You
can select a lot of cotton that will pay you and improve
the cotton. I will send you the schedule.

There is no particular form for
affidavits for details. The form we generally use is in
the style of a letter addressed to the party who has authority
to detail regarding him to detail the party pointed out mentioning
his name and describing it well, to transport of government
cotton, and what services are necessary for that

Cotton Bureau, West Texas Miss.
Houston, Tex 13. 1864.

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Genl.

I have your favor of 5th inst from Henderson -
male contents - I hear that the cotton at Magnolia
is in very bad condition - I have no knowledge of any
cotton at Parsons' Bluff, or at Navasota, sent from
other districts.

Would it not be better for Capt
Barnett or Capt Sings to become responsible for
it?

They are on the ground and can control
it better than I can - My border counties in
that direction are something like the Mexican
district was before the subdivisions - almost
out of reach, and very hard to hear from if I
want definite information.

I will send you by Capt Hall my receipts for
the cotton received through Moore & Smaker
& Capt R. H. Perry - Will Capt Black invoice
it?

I understand he does not make papers -
I enclose you the orders, as requested - If
you can obtain authority for me to wind up my
business according to contracts, I do not think
it will be necessary for you to come to Houston.
Otherwise you should come if you can make
it convenient -

I have alienated cottons
from King & Co, previous to being notified by you
or Mr Hale, that they had accepted the mortgage
on Stanton & Austin Counties - Mr Hale already
gives evidence of proving troublesome on this point,
but I will guarantee the delivery of other cotton
to him to make your agreement good.

Very respectfully
Yours

A. C. H. D. Broadwell
Cotton Bureau

C. C. Hall
Capt

Kauai Nov 13. 1854

Dear Leab.

Your favor of 8th from Henderson is at hand. There will be no difficulty about selling your Suggy & harness at a good price in specie. Capt Settle has gone away, but I will have it sold. Shall I send you the proceeds by hand? also your package in Mr Millers' hands? He will make the subscription to News & Telegraph in the morning.

I am sorry to hear you have decided to go to Richmond. Apart from the friendly consideration our intercourse has created, I feel that we will be literally defunct officially when you leave us. I feel something like Col. H. in regard to the debts of the Bureau & will always feel a twinge of regret if we have to leave any portion of them unpaid. If I was sure that the new arrangement would take them up & fulfill contracts I would not care, but I fear that the law will be applied literally, and many ones right will not be respected. I understand that Capt Black will probably be the Incoming agent. If as he can appreciate matters as they were & are & do justice to all much better than any new man.

Will you receipt to me for about \$1100.00 paid to Gen Smith on Gen Magraders order backed by your letter from Honolulu of Sept 17th? The voucher is in form & is approved by Gen Blagden, but the payment having been made while Gen Robert was in command has given rise to some enquiries & objections, & I would much prefer not to have it on my papers. I avoided the payment as long as possible and finally took the receipt in blank, simply because I did not want to be responsible for the payment. Please release me of it if you can.

Very truly yours

Gen Broadwell

C. C. Smith

✓ Cotton Bureau & of Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 14. 1864 ✓

Capt. W. H. Ward

Beaumont -

Capt -

Trask contents -

I have your favor of 11 - but
Wittens must give Bond to
deliver the Cotton at Orange in same order as recd -
For his own security he had better cover the Boat -

Very respy

Yr obt. serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt. agm.

✓ Cotton Bureau & of Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 14. 1864 ✓

Heene Vance & Bros

San Antonio.

Genl.

I have your favor of 9th inst
with enclosure, which I retain as my voucher
no Agent Heene. I now enclose Exemption
No. 402 - R. S. Davis, 20 Mc, which Mr Davis
should have obtained before he started his
wagons -

Very respy

Yr obt. serv.

C. G. Wells

Capt. agm.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston; Dec 14. 1864

Col. John J. McKinney, Special Agent
Austin.

Sir.

I have your favor of 8th inst. & make
contents — I make no entry of the S. H.
Seward & Sons. Cotton, as it is exempted at San Antonio —
I enclose exemption No. 401. S. H. Brown 100 lbs
based on your certificate of receipt. You may use
your own discretion about allowing this exemption
to go out of your hands until the Cotton is received.
I never issue an exemption until Cotton is delivered,
as I can have no personal knowledge of the delivery, the
Agent who certifies to the receipt becomes responsible
personally to me for the Cotton. As a general thing
you will only be safe to give certifi. when you know
the Cotton is in hand. My experience shows
that people do not deliver the Cotton after they get
the Exemption. — Your certifi. should state
the classification & weight, the quantity of Bags & Rope
furnished by the Govt. — When you supply these
particulars to the S. H. Brown, 100 Bales let I will make
up Centage —

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells Secy &c

✓ Colthau Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss.
Hawtorn, Nov 14. 1864

Mr. Mayhew Esq
Richmond

Sir - I have your favor of 12th inst -
I must refer you to Mr. John for a settlement -
I send him the statement you ask for -

Very respectfully

Mr John has your
exemption for 12th Dec -

✓ Co. E. Wells
Capt R.

Mr Haas applied for it, but I had already sent
it to Richmond -

Colthau Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
Hawtorn, Nov 14. 1864

Geo. Witting Esq

Sir - Capt J. H. Kleben - Alleyton

I have your favor of 12th inst & now
enclose Exemption of 196 - J. H. Kleben, Esq
being the lot turned over at Richmond -

Very respectfully

Co. E. Wells
Capt R.

Post Office Bureau Dept. State Miss
Hawthorn Nov 14. 1864

W. W. John Esq. -

Richmond.

Sir - W. W. Hagblum sends to me for a statement of Baggs Rope changed him an particular lots of Catrow, which he says he did not get - As I do not know his object I send the list to you & have referred him to you for his statement -

Very respect

Co. G. 4th Regt

Coapt R

			Base	Rope	
P. Vogel	Oct 25 -	9 Rye -	99 yds	108 lbs	Richmond
Hagblum	" 26 -	6 "	55 "	do	Richmond
P. Vogel	" 25 -	14 "	80 "	91 1/2 "	Richmond
do	Nov 5 -	* 16 "	14 3/4 "	99 "	do
Hagblum	" 3 -	* 3 "	70 "	80 "	do
do	" 7 -	* 12 "	134 "	144 "	do

* asked for in Hagblum's letter - He also asks for lots of 15 & 10 - I cannot find any such lots -

✓
 Boston Bureau, Dept of War & Navy
 November 4th 1864
 J. H. McLaughlin Esq. Ch.
 Parkers Bluff
 Wm -

I have your favor of 4th inst & note
 contents.

Mr. Robinson presented your receipt for
 six Bales Cotton & I made up his certified
 account by deducting the value of the Baggings
 & Rope supplied to him - Consequently the
 Govt owes him still for 1 Bale Cotton - You
 will please send him your receipt for it
 & I will settle when it is presented -

The plan is not to make the Planter
 pay actual Cotton for the Baggings & Rope,
 but to deduct from the amount of Cotton
 the Govt receives, the value of the Baggings
 material furnished, & pay the Balance
 in U. S. notes new issue or its equivalent -
 Very respy

I remain
 Yr. Obedt
 Wm. G. Wells
 Secy &c

Office Station Office
 Station Nov 12 1882

Mr. A. J. Jones
 Richmond

I ship you on the day train

1 Bale Dutch Ragging	860 yds	
10 lbs Dundee do	520 "	- 880 yds

for a trial please forward receipt

As soon as my Books are printed, will forward you a
 statement of Ragging and also furnished you, since the
 "formation of the office" which is I presume what you
 seek. The statement that you by Dr. Legg, was
 for the time left with had charge of the office, not including
 that sent you by A. L. Matthews, it was hastily drawn
 off and liable to error

Very respectfully
 J. Somerville

25th Nov

Very truly
 Yours J. Somerville

to J. L. Matthews
 Long Hill

Train

I have been waiting
 I had hope

The former was sent to the office

Very truly
 Yours J. Somerville

From Letter Office
Hemlock Nov 12 1884

Mr T. C. Winters
Sandy Beach

I ship you on 10 days train

Two pieces Indian Beagging 60 yds
1 Coil Rope 43 fms

Have found receipt for same & this office

Very Respectfully
G. H. Wells Capt. Regt
Hemlock

From Letter Office
Hemlock Nov 12 1884

Mr T. C. Winters
Hemlock

I ship you on 10 days train

8 Halls Indian Beagging 240 yds
2 Coils Rope 258 fms

Have forwarded Receipt for same & this office

Warren Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Dawson Nov 14. 1884

E. Warren Esq
LaGrange.

Sir -

Capt Langsape delivered your message
Today - I dislike very much to say no
to your request for an extension of leave
of absence, but you know how short
handed I am and how the pressure of work
crowds the few now left in the office.

I miss you very much & need you every
day - I leave you to decide whether
your duty requires you to be at LaGrange
instead of here, & if you say it does
I shall not find fault.

Very respy

Yr ovt serv

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 14. 1864

Gen. C. S. Helms,

Co. S. Steam & Cgr. Warana

Genl -

I enclose Rptk 25 B/C [] a Gen
Schooner "Hope" for Warana, consigned
to you for account of the Confederate States,
for credit of the War Department & for use
of the Dept Trans Miss -

If the schooner is forced to make another
port ~~the~~ Cotton will be rehipped to you,
or, if rehipment is impracticable, will be
sold and the proceeds remitted to you.

Very respy

(Signed) Genl

C. S. Helms

Capt & agmt

Actg. Cgr.

Cotton Bureau Dept Gr Miss
Havetown Nov 14. 1864

Thos. C. Haselton Esq. of
Bragonia.

Sir.

I have just heard from District Hd
Qrs. in answer to my application for renewal
of details for J. W. & E. W. Dance — both
refused —

Very respectfully

C. C. Wells

Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Gr Miss
Havetown Nov 14. 1864

Messrs Wappington & Co
San Antonio.

Gentl

I have your favor of 9th inst & have
enclosed cert of exemption, in name of
J. S. S. & Co — 12 lbs — of 105-16

Very respectfully

C. C. Wells

Capt &c.

Letter Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hanslow Nov 14. 1864

A. O. Salas Esq Cpt -
Richmond

Sir -

Since writing you yesterday, I have
seen Mr. Hagblom & find he wants data
further back than I sent you -
I have changed him on certified accounts, in
addition to the list sent you - viz

Oct 6.	2 Mc.	22 1/2 yds Rugg -	24 lbs Rope
" 7.	10 "	114 " "	120 " "
" "	2 "	22 1/2 " "	24 " "
" "	12 "	135 " "	146 " "

Very respectfully
On order
G. G. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
Havre, Nov 15, 1864

R. A. Croiss Esq At
Cold Spring

Sir - I have your favor of 1st inst & its contents - I have already sent you my

cert of & exemption for H. S. Dugue & J. B. Cotton & have him your certificate for 23000 & date of the delivery - Mr. B. Aldwin may change

his contract to 1st Paragraph - You may continue to contract for Cotton under our rules until you receive orders to cease - All contracts will be respected, & the more work is done the more gain to Govt -

I think Mr. Kane has contracted his Cotton with Col. McKinney, Special Agt at Austin - Until I find out & advise you you need take no particular pains about his Cotton - The Bagging & Rope at Mr. de

Warren & W. Bailey, I do not know anything about - If it is Govt property please ask them if they are willing to take my receipt - I will be responsible to the owner, if it should turn out to be private property -

Very respec
C. G. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Havertown, Nov 15, 1884

W. L. Stone Esq Esq
Fairfield

Sir - I have your favor of 7th Inst & note contents. I was aware that Gen. Walker's objections could not be met. If Maj. Lewis will not act you will have to let the matter drop in self defence, as your position will not warrant you in incurring any personal liability.

In payment of Agents I will adopt the old Texas Cotton Office rule - They paid Agents specific rates for work done - say Storage 25¢. weighing 5¢. Sampling 5¢. Ginning 10¢. Baling 10¢. Pressing & Forwarding 25¢. Drayage 10¢. The Agent to charge only for work performed, & bearing all his own expenses, including clerk hire & office & warehouse rent - payable in Cotton at schedule prices - When Commissioning Agents do the same work it is but just to pay them the same - You can make up your list & send it in - If you prefer exempting your own Cotton, you can sell to the Govt the Cotton you are to receive in payment, & thus secure a double amount of exemptions & payment for the Cotton in coined money - but no Cotton -

Very respectfully
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

✓
 Carter Bureau Dept of War
 New York Apr 15, 1864

R. A. Lewis Esq Cpl
 Cold Spring

Sir,

✓
 I have your favor of 7th inst
 in regard to your military status.
 If you were in the Western District I
 could have you regularly detailed upon
 your certificate of disability. - If you
 think the appointment is sufficient, the
 detail will not be necessary, & I send
 you the same enclosed. - I have
 no printed copies remaining, but this
 will have the same effect -

~~Very respectfully~~

J. G. S. [Signature]

[Signature]

[Illegible handwritten text]

[Illegible handwritten text]

[Illegible handwritten text]

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston. Nov 26. 1864

J. Bartlett Esq
Harris. Falls Co.

Sir -

Messrs J. H. House & Co. have 32 bales
Cotton in Harris Co. in possession of Mrs J. Hornwood
which they have exemplified by turning over Cotton
to one there - You will therefore
allow the above Cotton to leave Falls County
for Waco, without molestation.

Very respectfully

J. A. H. S. H.
A. C. Wells
Capt

✓
 Cotton Bureau D. T. M.
 Lancaster Nov 16 1864

✓
 John Goodwin Esq
 Asay as Bottom
 Sir

Enclosed find certified copy dated Nov 16 in your favor for \$300
 and \$100 for five Ball's buttons.

very truly
 your obt. Servt
 A. G. Wells
 Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau D. T. M.
 Lancaster Nov 16 1864

Wm. L. Baughan
 His Grande City
 Sir

Enclosed please find Bill for 50 Ball's buttons signed
 by J. N. Good, being one of the contract between Capt. J. H.
 McKinney & Ball's & Thomas.

very truly
 your obt. Servt
 A. G. Wells

Bottom Bureau & Co
 London Nov 18 1864

Mr. J. J. Fairbank Esq
 La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of your letter of the 12th inst &
 make extracts. Enclosed find certified copy & description as follows.
 Enclosed is also her 12. from L. J. Graham for 1000 -

.	.	.	.	.	E. Nichols	1000 -
.	.	.	.	.	Thos. L. Booth	56.35

Exemption No 704 from	Thos. L. Booth for	1	Barb. Am
.	713	E. Nichols	20
.	715	L. J. Graham	2

In regard to the proposed partnership
 and contract with Mr. Nichols, owing to the contemplated change
 in the Bureau which will soon take place, I must decline
 acceding to it.

Very Respy
 yr obt Serv
 L. G. Well.
 Capt & Co

✓
Bottom Bureau D. T. M.
Houston Nov 16 1864

J. Russell Esq
Houston

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and note
contents. Enclosed please find certified and
for the Killbuck for \$100.00 and exemption No 717 for
5 Bales cotton

Very Respy
Yr obt Serv
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

✓
Bottom Bureau D. T. M.
Houston Nov 16 1864

William Parker Esq
Bayou Bottom

Sir

✓
Enclosed find certified and dated 12th inst in your favor
for \$55.96 and exemption No 713 for fourteen Bales cotton

Very Respy
Yr obt Serv
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Bottom Bureau D. J. M.
Houston Nov 16 1864

J. G. Cook Esq
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th & 12th inst and under
contents. Enclosed find certified of & stamping as follows
Certified of from L. W. Grace dated Nov 12th for \$376.80

of Bottom Bureau " " 340.15
Stamping 20 yds from J. Fulton Grace for J. Bates Bottom
" " 710 " L. W. Grace 5

Have I to settle with L. W. Grace
for the one bale received here, and your state was forwarded to
make good the stamping from Young & Co

The bagging & rope of with L. W.

Blake stands as follows.

Owing to L. W. Blake

263 lbs Rope

Leaves the Bureau

170 yds Bag

Due him

93 lbs Rope & such

You can give him when you think it expedient.

Very Respy

Yr obt Svt

D. J. M.

Wm's Cooper & Co
San Antonio

Gentlemen

Bottom Bureau D. J. M.
Houston Nov 16 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 9th inst with
contents. Enclosed find receipt 20 yds in your favor
for three Bates Bottom.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Svt

L. G. Wells

Leaves & Co

✓
 Letter Bureau Dept of War
 Washington, Dec 16, 1898

✓
 Major A. S. Gilbert G.M.
 Clinton.

✓
 Major.

I have your favor of 12th inst with
 enclosure, and now enclose Receipts
 for 26 Rye del'd. to E. E. Buwaco -
 also Receipts 4th 198 - do 26 Rye.
 also for Sale 1/2 Rye to E. E. Buwaco
 amounting to \$5000 - The latter shows
 all deliveries to him in payment of the
 James Powder acct, upon which the Receiver
 substituted himself - Please have the
 sales signed, and return them to me -

Very respy

Yours obt

C. G. Wells

Capt.

Please forward enclosed letter to Mr. Buwaco.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss

Havistone Dec 16. 1864

J. H. Cunningham Esq. Genl
Post Sullivan

Sir -

I enclose A. R. Higgs order on Mr.
Hammie near Amesville, Robertson Co.
for 24 Bales Cotton - endorsed by Genl.
Hutchins - Please forward this
Cotton to Hamwell Jones, Sullivan, with
directions to ship to Havistone - I enclose
one copy of wagon receipt when you
ship.

Very respectfully
Yr Obedt Servt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Capt Isaac Mills
Haverhill Nov 16. 1864

J. E. Secrest Esq.

Organ Hunt and Bend Co.

Sir.

I have your favor of 11th Inst. and its contents - I now return it endorsed with a request to Mr. J. H. Willie to permit the one to which you refer to - If I had known it at the time I aimed the exemption I could have arranged it to your satisfaction on the original paper - I send the letter to Mr. J. H. Willie, and he will remedy the matter for you -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Estlin Bureau, Capt. Trans. Secs.
Hawthorn Nov 16. 1864

E. C. Burrows Esq
Com. Adj. A. S. Cabell

Sir,

I find the certified copy for \$2000. is only a copy, and in its present condition is no voucher to me - What has become of the original given you by Capt Chilton?

You have received the copy, but even that will not pass in my accounts unless I have the original filed with it -

Please send it to me if you have it - or aid me in getting it, if you do not have it - I believe you have mainly got the account paid through my personal attention, and I do not want name to have it thrown out of my accounts for informality -

Respectfully
C. C. Wells
Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau kept Isaac Allen ✓
Houston Nov 16. 1864

R. W. Pringle Esq
San Antonio

Sir - I have your favor of 10th ✓
just - When Cotton already Baled is
sold to Govt, the Bureau does not furnish
Buggy Rope - When said Cotton is sold
to Govt, the Bureau will furnish enough BTR
to cover it, & charge 10¢ per yard or pound
payable out of the Cotton -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Cotton

✓ Cotton Bureau kept for this ✓
Houston Nov 16. 1864

A. B. Fuller Esq
Andersson

Sir

✓ I have your favor of 14th ✓
sent a/c for error in statement - I now
return the same corrected - Please sign
the same & return it, and draw on me for
the amount of \$436⁰⁰ old currency -

Very respectfully

C. G. Wells

Bottom Bureau D. T. M.
Hanson Nov 16 1864

✓
L. A. White Esq
Anderson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst and note
enclosed. Enclosed find exemption No 724 in your favor for
25 Blotter. Please send forward the certificate as agreed
on as soon as practicable.

Very Respy
yrs obt Sot
L. L. Wells
Capt & agm

✓
Bottom Bureau D. T. M.
Hanson Nov 16 1864

Major A. H. Wells
San Antonio

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst enclosing O. A
R. Henderson's certificate for Mr. W. Lenden for 7 Blotter,
and enclosed please find exemption No 723 from Henderson
for 7 Blotter weighing 3500 lbs.

Very Respy
yrs obt Sot
L. L. Wells
Capt & agm

Central Bureau Rept Lane Miss
Houston, Nov 16. 1864

Mr. J. B. Sexton.
San Augustine,
Madame.

On Sept 8th last Col Sexton obtained from me an exemption for 19 Bales of Cotton, and agreed to deliver a like amount at Crockett to the Agent of the Bureau Mr. S. A. Miller. I suppose he told you of the transaction on his return home. Col. S. was very anxious that you should receive the Confed money to be paid for the 19 Bales you are to deliver, and I am anxious of meeting his wishes, but cannot do so in advance of the delivery of the Cotton. Mr. Miller has not yet advised me of the arrival of the Cotton at Crockett. Please make the delivery & enable me to make the settlement as early as possible. As the Bureau has no new issue to pay with, you have the option of taking old currency in payment at \$3 for \$2.

Very respect
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Cedar Bureau Exp & Trans Mers

Huntsville, Nov 16, 1864

Major W. C. Rountree
Huntsville

Major,

I have your favor of 12th inst & note contents -

I enclose statement of form of vouchers required in your case - Make it in duplicate, and attach to each a certified copy of your orders, also a list of expenses. The latter need not be itemized, except to state general particulars. Say from Huntsville to Crockett by Stage - - Mr. Crockett -

Was an -

If any particular expenditure has been necessary, state it -

Certify to the acct on Honor & sign it - It will not be necessary to make oath to it as you are an officer -

Very respec

Yours truly

C. G. Kelly

Capt &c

The Confederate States

To Major L. C. Rountree U.S.A. Dr.

1864

For Expenses actually incurred in Travelling
under orders of Lt. Col. H. A. Broadwell, Cof
of Cotton Bureau, Dept. of War, Vouchers attached,
from 1864, to 1864
through the Counties of — — —

Witnessed Statements

I certify & swear that the above account is correct
and just. that I have expended the money under the
orders as stated, and that I have not been
furnished with public transportation, ^{or quarters} for any part
of the service above charged —

Received

Major L. C. Rountree
1864 of Capt. C. G. Wells agree

Dollars, and

cents, in full of above account

(signed duplicate)

Major L. C. Rountree

✓
Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 24. 1864

J. B. Vedder Esq Capt
Nacato.

Sir.

I have your favor of 14th - back with the
statement of shipments - It is not what Mr. Percy
wants - I enclose a form for the statement -
to make it complete it should include all the
Cotton you purchased yourself & gave cert's
for - It will not be necessary to
show what has been sent you by other agents
directly forwarded by God -

I have not been able to get the money
for Daley yet. The gentleman who is to
bring it from San Antonio has been due here
over a week & may arrive this evening -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. G. Wells

Capt. U.S.A.

Cotton Bureau Dept of War Miss
 Houston Nov 14. 1864

W. W. John Esq. Cpt
 Richmond,

Sir -

Enclose Contents -

I have your favor of 15th inst. The descriptive list should have emanated from the enclosing Officer. (for negro Tyler) but to save time I have sent it up to Anderson & may get the order to day or tomorrow.

I wrote you that Capt Owens receipt to Vogel for the Cotton presented the Bureau from going behind this Certificate of the weight - I have written to

Albinston to prevent J. A. Rice delinquent any of his inferior Cotton -

Magnum is the gift of Capt Owens only 4th 18 - Oct 3rd with 188 yds Raggs - 188 lbs Rags -

The present unsatisfactory status of the Bureau renders it impracticable to press people too much. We are not supported as well as expected, and in case Capt Sinspeltine declines acting for fear of personal liability, I cannot wonder at him. Do not place yourself in a position to give you any future trouble.

The people will overreach themselves by holding back for the new Regulations, but that is their own look out -

Col Innot was here yesterday with a paper for me to

Sign of authority
 also inferior
 Cotton from
 temporary
 great out
 in the office
 of the
 Bureau

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Hill
Houston Nov 17. 1864

Eno. G. Hadenham Esq of
Brazoria.

Sir -

I have your favor of 13th - Just made
contents. Mr Mills had expected
Mr Adair would call on his manager for
the bagging had given orders for its delivery
& have - He now writes to deliver it to
you on your receipt - Give receipt
for the quantity you get, so that I may
make a proper statement here.

The Bureau may have to close up in two
months - Consequently you had better secure
all the Cotton you can in the meantime, so
that we may leave as small a debt behind
us as possible -

Very sincerely

G. Hadenham

Co. G. 1st Regt

Tex. Inf.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who have been admitted to the office of the Secretary of the Board of Education, since the last meeting of the Board, on the 1st of January, 1871.

Admitted	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875
1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
1877	1878	1879	1880	1881	1882
1883	1884	1885	1886	1887	1888
1889	1890	1891	1892	1893	1894
1895	1896	1897	1898	1899	1900

Attest
J. H. [Signature]
Secretary

J. H. [Signature]
President

J. H. [Signature]
Vice President

J. H. [Signature]
Treasurer

J. H. [Signature]
Clerk

Resolved, Compens.
 To go and board the school "Gophers" in the Gopher request, in half a barrel each, —

C. C. Kelly
 Cash

Nov. 17. 1871

Delivered of (over) 1000 from the latter office & at other, days, etc.

Date	Particulars	Dr of Cash	Date	Particulars	Cr of Cash
1870			1870		
Jan 1	Balance	900	Jan 1	Balance	900
Feb 1	Do	100	Feb 1	Do	100
Mar 1	Do	100	Mar 1	Do	100
Apr 1	Do	100	Apr 1	Do	100
May 1	Do	100	May 1	Do	100
Jun 1	Do	100	Jun 1	Do	100
Jul 1	Do	100	Jul 1	Do	100
Aug 1	Do	100	Aug 1	Do	100
Sep 1	Do	100	Sep 1	Do	100
Oct 1	Do	100	Oct 1	Do	100
Nov 1	Do	100	Nov 1	Do	100
Dec 1	Do	100	Dec 1	Do	100
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Jul 1	Do	100	Jul 1	Do	100
Aug 1	Do	100	Aug 1	Do	100
Sep 1	Do	100	Sep 1	Do	100
Oct 1	Do	100	Oct 1	Do	100
Nov 1	Do	100	Nov 1	Do	100
Dec 1	Do	100	Dec 1	Do	100

The balance of cash at the end of the year is \$1000.00

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André

Dear Sir
Where Messrs first statement of Baggins and his shipped
to you from America off any has been sent from Alleghen. it will be charged by
by Mr S. Moten, in his report I have only charged about I have shipped to you
at six hundred
Very Respectfully,

Very Respectfully

Homerville
April

[Illegible handwritten notes]

Boston Bureau I. T. M.
 Hanson Nov 17 1864

D. A. Crockett agt
 Cold Springs
 Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst with enclosure
 and note contents. Enclosed find certified copy of sample as per
 analysis of said sample for Mr. W. Watson for 1864

.	.	.	gal	John L. Cabney	1874.15
.	.	.	gal	John L. Cabney	1861.10
.	.	.	gal	John L. Cabney	1861.10
Sample in 20 727	for Mr. W. Watson	for 1864	John L. Cabney	1874.15	
.	726	.	James Hogue	65	.
.	727	.	John L. Cabney	15	.
.	728	.	John L. Cabney	15	.
.	729	.	John L. Cabney	15	.

The certified copy and sample
 in favor Mr. Watson was forwarded to Mr. Cabney same
 time back.

The certified copy you refer to in form of Mr.
 Robinson is correct. He is charged with the B&K he is entitled
 to say as this is the ball, and not with what he received
 merely to take the gent half. It is our intention to give
 B&K to all who are entitled to it as soon as we can possibly
 do so.

Very Respectfully
 Yours
 L. L. Wells
 Capt Wagon

Bottom Bureau D. F. No.
Houston Nov 17 1864

John Holston Esq
Albany

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst with enclosed.
Enclosed please find certified copies & receipts as follows
Satisfies order from R. F. Fisher dated Nov 10th for \$197.50

Expenses 20730 - J. L. Bluff - 30750
for 8 Bales cotton
- 729 - R. F. Fisher - 2

Mr. N. N. Johns agent at Richmond
writes that F. A. Riel is shipping from Fort Bend County
for delivery to Mr. Baldwin, a lot of inferior cotton
that he refused to receive. You will please mark the cotton
refused and not receive it, unless it is of the class we purchase.

Very respectfully
Yr obt Svt

L. C. Wells
Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau D. T. M.
Haverton Nov 17 1864

F. A. Bailey Esq agt
Huntsville

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and noble ^{in to} ^{of} ^{side} contents. The enclosures you refer to as sent in a former letter will come to hand. I have forwarded to Harris certified apt & receipt in favor of W. S. Hogue.

If the parties referred to owning cotton in Harrison County will deliver it to you at Huntsville you can receive it as if purchased in your district. we can not pay freight on its transportation to you.

Very Respy

Wm H. Wells

Co. G. Wells

Capt & Co. G. M.

Cotton Bureau D. T. M.
Haverton Nov 17 1864

W. H. Wells Esq

Care of the Ferry Co

Albany

See enclosed please find receipt no 405 in your favor for 1000 lbs of cotton, and certified apt dated Nov 17 1864.

Very Respy

Wm H. Wells

Co. G. Wells

Capt & Co. G. M.

Cotton Bureau D. S. W.
Havaton Nov 12 1864

A. B. Smith, Esq
Savannah

There is a lot of 30 or 40 bales cotton belonging to
the office of West Liberty in very bad order, and is being rapidly
rotting. Please go at once and attend to this cotton
and have it shipped here.

Very Resp
Yr obt Snt
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

Cotton Bureau D. S. W.
Havaton Nov 12 1864

✓
W. H. Crawford Esq
Washington

I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst and note
contents.

The shipment you refer to for 100 Bales cotton
from J. M. Brown, was at Col. Matthews request, mailed to
him at Austin on the 10th inst.

Very Respectfully
Yr obt Snt
L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt

At the Court at New York
November 18 1844

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Dear Sir - I enclose George C. Meloy's account -
of the 1844 balance of a Saline tract. I have
I am all I can do to recover after due
care and attention given it, and I have assumed it to
be a necessary party that but for his intervention it
would have been lost by Geo Bee as a private
settle and was up to me for the same
in excellent condition - I have
a sum of 1092 months and as a result
he has supplied the labor - I guard to
no more with any additional charge than
that shown in the account of 1844 - I have for the
whole -
where he has earned the amount by his care & has
saved the expenditure of double the amount in
repairs -

If you approve the account please return it to
me - I can pay it in exemptions and save
the disbursement of a dollar of money or Ball
at Cotton. It is better to settle these accounts
than to leave them behind me - I cannot approve
or certify the account as the Cotton was turned over
to me only in Sept - either yourself or Capt. Shack
can certify -

Very respectfully

G. G. Meloy

G. G. Meloy

Capt. C

Yours truly, D. Broadwell,

Cy. West Bureau

Superintendent No.

✓
 Lester Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Honolulu Nov 18 1864

✓
 Hon P. H. Gray

By J. Mearns

At one a

Sir -

✓ I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your
 favor of 11th inst. and note contents -

I will send you in a few days a statement of the entire out-
 standing indebtedness of the Custom Office payable in Hawaii with
 such notes as will explain the nature of the contracts with the
 creditors - The gross amount is about \$150,000 -

Yours remarks upon this indebtedness are very just, viewed in the light of
 the new Regulations, and I can see now how differently matters might
 have been conducted if Mr. Rubchins had been informed in time
 that the construction of the word "signature" in the Regulations was
 done changed a little - Mr. Nelson said it was his duty to do
 so as early as he could, but in his correspondence with me he did
 not intimate any change - and thus only lately done so in relation
 to Mr. Rubchins -

I have felt the injustice of his complaint of
 our failure to ship Cotton to him from Texas, while he knew
 that we were not informed of any change in the Regulations
 attesting the first construction sent to Mr. Rubchins by himself - The
 Agents and Superintendents of ships arriving from Hawaii claim that
 they have not notified them of any change - I do not mean
 to make charges any further than to show that our operations were
 all according with instructions then received, and as for want of
 new instructions which might have been furnished by Mr. Nelson -

Mr. Sampson is furnishing the Cotton required in freight by
 merely taking back the Cotton - My desire has been to facilitate
 him as much as possible, and this was all I intended to express
 in any of my letters - I will continue to do all in my power to
 assist him - The Bill of Lading for shipments of the agency
 Cotton have been taken in his name, and the accounts are
 perfectly clear & distinct, and will be taken up by him -

I have handed Mr. Sampson the letter of instructions, and the Telegrams, as requested.

I will furnish him with Bagging & Rope as freely as I can. The question about payment prevents present purchases. There is enough Balug material in Novato now to answer our purposes, but it will largely increase our indebtedness to buy it, and it is already doubtful whether we shall collect enough Cotton to pay present indebtedness. I am hopeful of success, however, since I have seen your instructions upon the new Regulations, which give the permits of the Cotton Bureau a certain value.

Mr. Sampson will require some good clerks. Men from the Reserve Corps will not serve him as he should be assisted.

I have two good men who I will turn over to him as soon as I close up, provided I am allowed to retain them. I will probably be engaged three months yet in this office, and as closing up is particular work I will require good men to do it with.

One of my clerks is a member of Cooks Regt Artillery and I am afraid I shall lose him, under late orders. I would be glad to retain him through your influence, and though I know I have no claim upon you officially or otherwise I respectfully request that you make the application, transfer him on temporary duty in the Cotton Bureau. By General Order of we are placed under your instructions.

The man's name is R. H. Cabaniss. Co. C. Cooks Regt Artillery.

Your attention will place me under many obligations, and the detail will inform me to Mr. Sampson when I turned over to him. The application should be made to Genl. Smith.

Very respectfully
Yours truly
Do. G. Hill
Cotton

Dear Sir -

Houston Nov 18. 1864

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I have your kind letter of Nov 11. I have
no more misunderstanding between yourself and Judge
Craig about my position. If he intended to offer me
any place it was only the Shipping Agency at Houston - And
know my views well enough to imagine this would not suit
me. From the Principal or Chief Agency I would
think as unequal to the responsibility. My desire
is to wind up my business here by paying the Houston
debt. - Then even if this my preference would be
to go with Genl. Slaughter. I respect him and feel
as if I could work with him. If you think it is
good policy to attach myself to his side feel free to
advise to do so. and in your reply suggest what I must
do myself to gain the object. My predilection point
that way. I have never written to Genl. Slaughter
since he left. Though I spoke to him in reference to the subject
some time before. I wish my appointment had been
18. 3

July large modification of last Order. It will amount
to \$100,000. and will be most in winding up. I am hopeful
that I will have a surplus of \$100,000 to send to Mexico.

I mention Capt. R. B. Schenck's bill for work done on
the Texas & Louisiana Cotton. It cannot pay the charges as made
as you suggested him at \$100,000 per month. He has
been conscientious about it. Has worked nights, Sundays & feels
entitled to extra pay. If you can admit him \$100,000 per month
he would probably be satisfied with it. If he had not been
conscientious & worked hard he could have spun out the time six
months or longer instead of only four. As one press was
used during the whole time for want of extra hands.

Hoping to see you before you cross the river. I am

Yours truly

C. C. Wells

St. Louis, Missouri

St. Louis, Missouri

✓
 Keaton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Tex 18. 1864

✓
 Capt. Wm.

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt
 of your communication of 17th inst. regarding
 Capt. W. H. Hadrian of Campbell's Co. 4th
 Battalion - I enclose copy of his detail -

Mr. Hadrian has been ordered to return
 to his command, as his services are dis-
 pensed with - but he has availed himself of
 the order allowing men absent from their
 commands to remain during the prevalence
 of the epidemic - He was directed to
 report here previous to joining his command.

His address is Lexington, Miss. Co.

Very respectfully

Wm. H. Hill

✓
 S. C. Hill

Capt. Wm. Hill

✓
 Capt. S. B. Yancy A. A. G.

Anderson, Texas

1892-00

Received, Houston, Nov 18. 1864 of
 Thomas King & Co. Twelve thousand, seven
 hundred and twenty five dollars, being the
 balance of advance to Government as agreed upon
 July 1864 - for this amount Mr H. H. Perkins
 Co. & Commandant at Matamoros, will receipt to
 them, and I to him, upon the surrender of
 this receipt -

C. G. Webb
 Capt & Agt.

(signed duplicates)

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Cotton from Capt. James King
Nov. 18, 1864 -

Capt. J. C. Jewell
San Antonio,

Capt.

There has been forwarded from Austin & Wharton Counties, about (650) Six hundred & fifty Bales Cotton which should have been retained for Messrs King & Co, under their contract with Col. Bradstreet. As it may not be possible to deliver them the identical Cotton, you will please substitute other Cotton to the amount of 650 Bales, and turn over to them, taking their receipts in duplicate, upon which I will give my official receipts whenever the Cotton is invoiced to me.

Messrs King & Co, will repay you all the freights paid upon the 650 Bales Cotton from Austin & Wharton Counties. This will place you in funds for new receipts.

Henceforth when deliveries of Cotton are made to you from Matagorda, Wharton or Austin Counties, whether shipped by our Agents, or received from parties who

have taken it to San Antonio to avoid turning over in their own Countries under the rules of the Bureau, you will please retain it for King & Co. and deliver it to them on their application upon their reimbursing you for the outlay for freight -

I am very particular in making this requisition upon you. Captain from the fact that Col Broadwell when concluding the arrangement at Matamoros assured Mr. Hale that no cotton had been or would be removed from these Countries - The Col was not aware that removals had been made, and as a matter of good faith we must make good all we has promised. I will do at Houston what I ask you to do at San Antonio.

Trusting you have enough Cotton on hand to make an early delivery of the above amount I remain,

Very respy

Yours obt

W. G. Kelly

Capt & Acty Secy.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston Nov 18. 1864

John Walston Esq Gen
Albany.

Sir -

The 500 Bales Cotton you are
in process of receiving from Houston Co.
or any portion of it that may arrive,
you will hold for Messrs King & Co.
and deliver to them upon their application.

You will class and weigh the Cotton
and take receipts from them stating
the weight & quality - Send an
receipt or statement of each delivery
to this office -

This delivery will be separate & distinct
from the payments to them for Bagging
& Rape -

Very respectfully

Yr obt. servt

C. G. Wells

Capt & Genl

Adj. Genl.

Cotton Bureau D. T. W.
Haverton Nov 12. 1864

Wm. Henry Egbert
Richmond

Sir

But Mr. Miller agent of Smith & Miller as he has one hand so he belonging to the owner to be shipped to Kansas, but that he has no transportation to move it. If you can do so please send Mr. Miller transportation for so he, and please advise him whether you can furnish it.

Very truly
yours
L. E. Wells

Cotton Bureau D. T. W.
Haverton Nov 12. 1864

Mr. Wm. Henry Egbert
Richmond

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 11th inst and note contents. I have corrected and forwarded the note certified as to him as directed. Enclosed find copy of the from Boston Perry for 1000 lbs. round wood. In furnishing cotton an order the proper course to pursue is to follow the sale of the order, giving to that party precedence whose order is of the earliest date.

Very truly
yours
L. E. Wells
Cotton Bureau

✓
 Boston Bureau A. L. M. ✓
 Hingham Nov 12 1864

✓
 to the Birmingham Regt and
 Fort Salomon

Sir

I am in receipt of your extraordinary statement
 of cotton delivered to Edmunds and other contents

If the cotton you refer to
 as stolen by families was delivered to Edmunds
 at the time of taking of cotton it is his loss and
 not that of the govt. If it was not turned over
 but remained in the govt possession you must
 use every exertion to retrieve it.

Please say to Mr. Brewster that
 that it is unnecessary for the Bureau to furnish fuel
 for the whole of a party when the govt under
 the mills purchases and half and should require
 the commissary with the mill. I can not see what
 it makes any difference to him as he is paid for
 all the supplies

Very Respy
 Yr Obedt Servt
 C. C. Wells
 Capt & Quar

Bottom Bureau N. C. 1840 ✓
 London Jan 12. 1841

✓
 Col. J. Miller agt
 to request

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 1st inst and note contents. Enclosed please find an order on Mr. Gallie from Col. Hyndman for the cotton refused to, you will please at once obtain the cotton, and when obtained forward the enclosures.

I can not pay more freight than allowed by published rates which you are familiar. If Mr. Gordon will haul at those rates you can load his teams, if not we must have recourse to other sources.

I will write Mr. Davis and request him if practicable to send your transportation for 80 Bbls which will take off the amount you have advanced and the cotton to be obtained from Mr. Gallie.

Mr. Lawrence will have your in a few days for ^{negotiating} ~~credit~~ and I will send you by him direct a supply of Bbls.

Very resp

Yours &c

W. L. Wells

Capt. W. L. Wells

✓
 Cotton Bureau D. J. W.
 Houston Nov. 18th 1864 ✓

✓
 Mr. Reynolds Esq. agt
 Boston
 Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th inst and
 note contents. The teamsters you refer to were detailed
 to King Vles. who are government agents and authorized
 and we must have the right to use detailed teamsters.

The cotton transferred by the
 teamsters are private cotton, and there was no
 authority to use government transportation for
 private use.

These teamsters being subject to the
 orders of King Vles. I suggest you obtain from John
 Lobbach their agent, an order permitting their use
 of B. & O. so as to save you trouble from any
 blame hereafter.

Very Resp
 J. B. W.
 D. J. W.
 D. J. W.

✓
Boston Bureau 9.5845
London Dec 12 1864 ✓

✓
Colt. John F. McKimney
Austin

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 12th inst and note contents

✓
Your order 84 to which you refer will soon be positively noted. By order from Judge Gray who may be now considered as in charge of the administration of govt. customs. Maj Willie is authorized to issue permits to export cotton until February 1 1865 but not thereafter. which permits will be got in the house of the holder for all time in the future. I will cease issuing exemptions on the 20th of January next.

I will soon send a circular letter to agents instructing them as above and stopping the further purchase of cotton on existing regulations. When put in circulation I will send you a copy of the letter for your information.

Very Respy
Wm. L. Wells
Capt. & Co.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss.
Houston, Jan 18. 1864

Ben. Stokes Esq. Apt
Brenham,

Sir.

You will retain all the Cotton
you receive at your Depot subject to the
order of Messrs King & Co. and deliver
to them on their applications. Take
duplicate receipts from them stating the
delivery by lots weights & classification
and send both receipts to me -

Very respectfully

Wm A. S. S. S.

Co. U. S. Army

Capt. S. S. S.

Reg. C. S.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Hannibal Nov 18. 1864

J. J. Leake Esq. Genl
Hempstead

Sir.

In addition to the Cotton of Austin
County. Messrs King & Co are entitled to
receive enough Cotton from Washington
County to make up the amount heretofore
received at Houston from you - I
have instructed Mr. Ben. Stanes Esq. at
Birmingham on the subject - As the
Chippell Hill Cotton will come through you
you will please designate it upon your
Railroad receipts to enable me to store
it here for their account - They
will probably have an agent in Austin Co.
to receive the Cotton you have ready to
deliver -

Very respy
Yours at
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agent
Actg. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Jan 19. 1864

H. Claiborne Esq
Galveston

Sir-

At Mr Kimball's request I write you
to say that I will pay you the \$3,000
in Cotton (three thousand dollars) as soon
as the voucher is returned from Shreveport
approved. so as to be a proper receipt to me.
I have made up the required form & have
sent it to Shreveport on Monday for
approval - it will probably be returned
within two weeks.

Very respect
fully
Yours
C. G. Wells
Capt. R.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 19. 1864

W. W. Walker Esq
La Grange,

Sir,

I have your favor of 10th inst. enclosing
agent Speight's receipt to you for 10 bales delivered
at Haco - I send the Exemption I certified as
to Mr. Haire to be handed you after the following
is arranged -

On Aug 16th you delivered Mr. Haire 10 bales. I
received my exemption dated Aug 22nd 64 No. 81 - for
10, 101st C - 4381 etc - It seems that Major Haire to
accommodate you issued this permit to you upon a
note from Mr. Haire stating that you had de-
livered 10 bales to Govt - Please hand
my exemption to Mr. Haire if you have it - If it
has been used, I must deduct it from the one
for 10 bales now sent to him -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

C. E. Hill

Capt. &c

Cotton Bureau Dept, Texas Hill
Houston, Nov 19. 1862

J. B. Bailey Esq of
Huntsville

Sir -

I have your favor of 11th inst.
Inst & note contents. I have forwarded
the Hoque cert of exemption to Cold Springs.

I now enclose cert of exemption.

B. W. Walker - 150 B/C - \$14,250.00

made up as delivered at Huntsville - I cannot
agree to pay freight from the point of delivery,
out of my district, as the expense of moving
the Cotton is almost equivalent to its value -

In regard to your issue of receipts before
the delivery of the Cotton, I must say that you
run a risk of loss - Your certificate makes
you responsible - You know whether you are
incorrupted in receiving the responsibility, by what
you know of the parties - In the event of death,
however, or any accident that would prevent the
delivery by the party, the result would be
very awkward -

Very respy

Yours Svt

C. G. Wells

C. G. Wells

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston Nov 19 1864

✓
 N. H. Garrison Esq Cpt.
 Via Orange.

✓
 Sir -

I have your favours of 14th & 15th insts
 known enclosed cert ofc & Exemptions

J. G. Ross

3 R/C

\$146.13

Harvey Gill

2 R/C

\$44.64

R. A. Ish

1 "

316.38 -

I cannot pay Mr Ish a part of the acc, but will pay him
 the whole if he wants it - I have no new issue yet -
 also. Mr. H. Walker - 16 R/C - \$441¹² de^d. at Hacc.

I send you the latter to make a settlement with Mr Walker
 upon before you surrender it to him - It seems that he
 applied to Maj Willie at San Antonio & obtained a permit for
 the 16 R/C he del^d. to you Augt 16th last. On Augt 22nd I
 issued through you & shared on your cert. Exemptions 9th 81.
 for 10 R/C - \$381 de^d. - If you delivered my exemption
 to Mr. Walker, he is thus in possession of duplicates one of
 which must be returned before he can receive the
 exemption now sent you - I have written to him
 stating the case & I do not apprehend you will have
 any difficulty unless the exemption has been used, in
 which case return the present one to me and I
 will reduce it to 6 R/C -

May 19 1864

Dr. H. H. Hall

✓
 Castro Bureau Dep. & Gr. Meis
 Houston Nov 19. 1864

✓
 P. J. Willis Esq. Lt
 Montgomery

Sir,

✓
 I have your favor of 17th but I make con-
 tents - I now enclose cert apc & Exemption

Green Wood #443 - 8 B/C }
 444 - 8 " } \$2.342.14
 445 - 9 " }

As instructed I have made up the cert-
 apc - 10 B/C at single prices

15 " " Double prices. as you
 say he furnished his own Bag & Rope
 for the latter -

Very respectfully
 Yr obt. servt
 G. G. Wells
 Capt &c

✓
 10 B/C at single prices
 15 " " Double prices
 as you say he furnished his own Bag & Rope for the latter -

✓ Col. H. B. Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston, Nov. 19. 1864

J. J. Caske Esq. Jr.
Hempstead

Sir. I have your favor of 18th inst.
now enclose at yr. & exemption.
R. W. Groce 2 1/2 C - \$122.40 -

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. servt
C. G. Wells
Capt. Co.

✓ Col. H. B. Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston, Nov. 19. 1864

J. G. Hunt Esq.
Chappell Hill,

Sir. I have your favor of
16th inst. - I will supply Mr. Cooke with
Bagging & Rope in a few days, when you
may obtain from him what you require.

Very respectfully
Yr. obt. servt
C. G. Wells
Capt. Co.

Wm. B. Brown Sept 1885
Hawaii Nov 19 1885

J. C. Vetter Esq
Honolulu

I have your favor of 10th inst. The
money which I sent to you by Railroad this
morning I trust it has reached you in
time.
Very truly
Yours
Wm. B. Brown

Wm. B. Brown Sept 1885
Hawaii Nov 19 1885

J. C. Vetter Esq
Honolulu

I have your favor of 10th inst. The
money which I sent to you by Railroad this
morning I trust it has reached you in
time.
Very truly
Yours
Wm. B. Brown

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept of Grains Ohio
 Hamilton Nov 19. 1864
 J. B. Van Alstyne Esq
 Kentucky.

Sir - I have your favor of 17th inst -
 Your money sent by Express to
 J. B. Johnson - \$500 - 1902.65 -
 Cotton claimed receipt here -
 Very respectfully
 C. B. Wells
 Captain

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept of Grains Ohio
 Hamilton Nov 19. 1864
 J. B. Wedder Esq Capt
 Kansas.

Sir - I have your favor of 18th inst - The
 money sent to you by Railroad this
 morning - I trust it has reached you in
 safety -
 Very respectfully
 C. B. Wells
 Captain

✓
 Cedar Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
 Maustau Nov 19. 1864

W. H. White Esq Cpt
 Anderson

Sir - I have your favor of 16th Inst
 with enclosures - Your exemption for 25
 Rpt. went to you some days ago - I now
 enclose cont of & exemption
 Joseph White y Bales & Bales of 538.94

Very respectfully
 C. E. Wells
 Capt &c

✓
 Cedar Bureau Dept Trans Miss.
 Maustau Nov 19. 1864

W. H. White Esq Cpt
 Anderson

Sir - I have your favor of
 14th Inst with enclosures Cost of & Exemption
 L. A. Waller - 189th - 1004th

Very respectfully
 C. E. Wells
 Capt &c

✓ Captain Purneau kept from Miss
Houston, Nov 19. 1854

J. Bartlett Esq. Aft
Houston, Dallas Co.

Sir,

I have your favor of 14th Inst &
note contents - I enclose amt a/c?

E. C. Stenark	8 B/C	\$228.00
Jas. S. Jones	1 "	40.20
do	14 "	913.54
E. H. Wilder	20 "	940.46
B. D. Lee	5 "	149.76

which please hand to the parties
when they return -

I have forwarded the receipts for
all the above to Capt J. C. Snichelt
at San Antonio as you instructed -

Very respy

Yr obedt servt

C. G. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston, Nov 19. 1864

Capt J. C. Guichell
San Antonio.

Capt -

At the request of J. Bartlett, Depot
Capt at Warline I enclose Exceptions

No. 452 - Jas. S. Jones 1 R/C
" 453 - do 14 " } say 40 R/C
" 455 - E. H. Wilder 15 "

also -

No. 454 - R. J. Lee, 5 R/C } say 13 R/C -
" 456 - E. C. Stuart 8 "

The lot for 40 Bales to be delivered to
Mr. E. H. Wilder - and that for 13 Bales
to Mr. E. C. Stuart, when the parties call
for them - They desire them to be left
with you, or I would not give you this
unnecessary trouble -

Very respectfully

Yours at out

C. C. Wells

Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Lane & Co
Houston Nov 18. 1864

A. H. John Esq Esq
Richmond

Sir - I have forwarded the
Hand & also papers to San Antonio as
directed. I will pay Mr. Sorel the
\$30. for Sorel's fee on Monday

Very respectfully

C. H. Wells

Capt. 10

Cotton Bureau Dept Lane & Co
Houston Nov 18. 1864

A. H. White Esq Esq
Richmond

Sir,

I enclose two ge & expect to a
also Hand & also - H. H. C. - J. H. H. H. H.
submitted in my letter of this morning.

Very respectfully

C. H. Wells

Capt. 10

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 19. 1864

Ben Stokes Esq Capt
Brenham

Sir,

I have your favor of ✓ book &
now enclose cert of Exemption
R. H. Jones 40 B/C - \$1196.82
Very respectfully
C. E. Wells
Capt &c.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Nov 19. 1864

Messrs J. P. Hand & Sons.

San Antonio (care W. J. Willie)

Genl -

As instructed by Agent G. W. John
Sevelace Exemptions No. 456 - J. P. Hand & Sons.
24 B/C - No. 457 - R. E. English & B/C - and
Cert of Exemption 20 B/C - \$1568.52

Very respectfully
C. E. Wells
Capt &c.

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept. of Miss
 Houston, Nov 19. 1864 ✓

Capt. R. King

Matagorda,

Sir,

I have your favor of 16th Inst & note contents - I have also a letter from Mr. Gibson in relation to the Wharton County Cotton, and have given him letters to the Agent which will be satisfactory, I trust -

If you find it necessary to use exempted Cotton in loading your half of the 'The Davis', the exemptions may be applied to other Cotton of same quality & quantity -

Please be careful about the use of my exemptions. I have given Mr. Cabell a general letter which will pass all your Cotton - Hence you must not use the permits or exemptions you hold on any Cotton not received from Govt, or you will convert my desire to facilitate your movements into a matter of serious trouble to myself - I look to you to see to this

Very respy

W. B. Wells

Capt. Co.

✓ Cotton Bureau Rept Trans Miss

Maletow, Nov 19. 1864

Mrs. H. Gibson Esq Gt.

Caney.

Sir - I have your favor of 14th Inst. I enclose copies of two letters to Agent Foster & one to Agt Maletow, which will I trust satisfy the points named in your letter. I enclose also the R. Williams Cert of Exemption connected -

I enclose also an open letter to Major A. S. Cabell at Chilton, covering my exemption for the B/C. of which you enclosed me a statement. You will recollect that my open letter of Oct 25th to Maj Cabell, authorized the exportation of all Cotton shipped by you for King & Co. but it bound me at the same time to furnish him with my exemptions for all the Cotton you passed. Hence this paper must go to him - unless you have not used the letter or passed any Cotton for which you had not my exemptions - If you have, please forward it to him - If you have passed none you can use the exemption -

Very respect

A. S. Cabell

Capt &c

Catharine Bureau kept from Miss
Hawtaw, Nov ~~22~~ 1864

Major A. S. Cabell Jr.
Cincinnati,

Major -

I enclose my Exemption No. 204 -
Nov 20 1864, from King Rev. for Rea B. Catharine -
85.410 lbs, which please file against my letter
of Oct 21 64, (in reference to their exportations)
and place to the credit of any endorsements
you have made on the same -

If my letter of Oct 21st has not been filed
with you previous to this date, you will please
consider this exemption as separate & apart
from the letter - I wish the letter to pass
all the Catharine they offer, but at the same time
I desire to protect you and myself in giving
the permits -

Very respy
Yr obdt servt
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Custom Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Honolulu, Nov 19. 1864
 John Holston Esq Gt
 Ellettsville,
 Sir -

I have instructed Agent Hoole to
 discontinue shipments of Cotton to you, as
 he will hereafter deliver all the Govt.
 Cotton in his hands to King & Co. -

You will turn over to King & Co. all the
 Cotton you have received from Mr. Hoole
 and take their receipts by weight Bales &
 classification; as per my letter of Nov 18th
 forwarded to you through Mr. Hale -

Very respectfully

J. M. Holt

C. C. Wells

Capt &c

Copy sent to King & Co.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
Houston, Nov 19. 1864

S. R. Folsom Esq. Agr.
Wheaton.

Sir -

To modify my general instructions, and in consequence of the extension of King & Co's contract by which they get the Govt Cotton in Wheaton County, I state that permits obtained elsewhere cannot be applied to Cotton in your county.

Any person therefore who claims his Cotton as exempt, must have turned over to you and accept his Cotton before his claim can be good.

This notice, however, cannot affect those parties who have already covered Cotton with U. S. Mills' permits previous to notification.

Very respectfully

Yrs. obt. servt

C. S. Wells

Agent &c

Copy sent to King & Co.

Cotton Bureau Rept James Mies
Haverton Nov 19. 1864 -

S. M. Groat Esq Ctr
Haverton,

Sir.

Col. Broadwell has approved the
transfer to King & Co of the 500 Bales Cotton
which he directed you to ship to Egypt.
You will therefore discontinue shipments
to Mr. Holston, and will deliver all the
Grost Cotton that comes into your hands
to King & Co, or their authorized Agents
sending the usual detailed statement &
receipts.

I write to Mr. Holston to deliver to them
the Cotton Bale I have already sent to you here.

Very respy
Yr obedt servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Co

Copy sent to King & Co.

Cotton Bureau, Rept Francis Miss
Hawston Nov 19. 1864

General.

In obedience to Genl Order # 41
Par VI. A.S. G. Office. Richmond Sept 6. 64.
I have the honor to report my appointment
and assignment to duty as Captain & A. G. O.
as per copies of orders and letters enclosed.
Sag -

1 Special Order # 137. Genl E. Kirby Smith assigning me
to duty as Capt & A. G. O. in Texas Cotton Office -
June 1. 1864 -

2 Assignment to duty by Lt. Col. Hutchins Chief re.
June 4. 1864 -

3 Assignment as Actg. Chf of Cotton Bureau in Texas.
by Genl E. Kirby Smith - June 20. 1864 -

4 Official notice of acceptance of Bond. Col. S. S.
Anderson A.S. Genl. - Sept 7. 1864 -

I am still on duty as Actg. Chf of Cotton
Bureau in Texas -

Very respectfully

Your obdt servt

General S. Casper
Adjt & Insp General.
Richmond, Va.

C. G. Wells
Capt & A. G. O.

Dear Letter Office
 Montreal Nov 20 1844

Capt E. St. John
 Pennington.

Captain

On July 22nd Mr. Jones

At Valence our Agent, shipped you four loads

11 Cords Manilla Rope 1918 pounds

12 Ropes Danish Baggins 987½ lbs.

14 Cords Manilla Rope 1464 pounds

13 Ropes Danish Baggins 1096 pounds

Mr. Jones acknowledges receipt of

11 Cords Manilla Rope 1918 lbs.

12 Ropes Danish Baggins 987½ lbs.

of the above list and says you received the balance
 Please forward receipt for same to the office & oblige

Very Respectfully
 C. White Esq
 Pennington

Estlin Bureau, Dept. Trans. Miss.
Houston, Nov 21. 1864.

I hereby certify that this Office was indebted to
Bos. Hutchings & Co., on Oct 8. 1864, for Army Supplies
supplied by sea for the "Island", and sold to
M. Genl. W. J. Hutchins for use of the Confederate States,
the full value of the present outward cargo
of cotton - say two hundred and fifty Bales
and twenty half Bales -

Of which I have furnished, in part payment
of said indebtedness - 201 Bales

And they have laden on board
in consequence of my inability
to pay -

Total

20 half Bales & 49 Bales
20 half Bales 250 Bales

which is entitled to a clearance under the old Regula-
tions by virtue of previous contracts between
them and Genl. Hutchins -

Wm. W. Wells
Capt. Regt.
City. Tex.

Between Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houstan Nov 21. 1864

I certify that the following entry appears in the official
report of J. R. Lee, Agent of Department Office at
Eagle Pass - showing the permit described to have been
used as stated - viz.

Date	Name of	Date	Exposed to	Cancelled
Feb 24.	Ball Hutchings & Co.	1864.	April 2 to June 24.	June 24.

This entry exceeds the following:

Jan 27/64	J. A. McHatten	300	do	do
Feb 22.	Mr. McLawley	250	do	do.

(= also Sales of these two lots were passed through the San
Antonio Agency)

The report does not state any other particulars, as none
were required to be reported, other than the above - but
to the best of my knowledge and belief Mr J. A. McHatten
held and used the above exemptions referred to -

C. G. Kelly

Coast & Agent

Atty. Gen.

The above entry appears in the report of J. R. Lee
as Agent of the Dept. Office at Eagle Pass.

Atty. Gen. in D. C. O.

Captain Duncan Esq / James Hill
 Harrogate Nov 25. 1846
 Mr. C. Henderson Esq of
 Breconia,

Sir,
 Please call upon Capt Geo. Duncan & his
 neighbours, who I understand control 2000 A/c.
 and refuse to sell one half to you -
 Explain to them the advantage of exporting their
 cotton under the old rules, and offer them the
 privilege provided they will deliver half their
 cotton to you for you - If they refuse
 to sell, send me your sworn statement
 setting forth the fact that they own a certain
 number of bales (the true amount) - that you have
 offered to buy one half. What they have refused to
 sell under the old rules - send it to me -
 Make a separate statement for each owner, before
 it is sworn before a competent magistrate or
 notary.

Yours truly
 G. S. Hill
 Esq.

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Bus.
Houston Nov 21st 1864

✓
Mr. W. F. Faison Esq Agent
La Grange

Sir

Yours of the 17th inst enclosing certificate from
Mrs. A. Williams has been received. Enclosed please find
certificate of sale and receipt in her favor for \$220.00 and
receipt in No. 766 for 7 bales cotton.

Very Respy
Yours Svt
C. E. Wells
Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Bus.
Houston Nov 21st 1864

✓
John H. Graves Esq Agent
Victoria

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst and
make contents. Enclosed please find certificate of sale from
John T. Buckenridge for \$237.49. The receipt was
sent some time back.

Very Respy
Yours Svt
C. E. Wells
Capt & Agent

Salton Bureau S. F. M.
Houston Nov 21. 1864

J. H. Cunningham
Post Bulletin

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 15th inst with enclosed certificates and encloses please find samples and certificates as follows.

Certificates dated Nov 15	from	J. H. Anderson	for	\$3146.75	
"	"	Josiah Baker	"	1397.25	
"	"	J. C. Roberts	"	255.25	
Receipts	29.763	from	J. C. Roberts	for	40 Bales Cotton
"	762	"	Josiah Baker	"	30 "
"	764	"	J. H. Anderson	"	56 "

Very Resp

Yr obt Srv

Co. J. Wells

Capt & Agm

P. S.

Your letter enclosing certificate from Saml. C. Childers has now come to hand. If you will send a duplicate certificate, I will issue the receipt on it, and forward to Mr. Childers care of Capt Trenchell at San Antonio. This case will insure the receipt by Mr. Childers care, than by any other. When you issue the certificate please do not fail to write the word "duplicate" on the face of it.

Co. J. W.

Cuba Bureau, Dept of the Interior
 Havana, Nov 21. 1864
 J. B. Bailey Esq. Ql
 Montevideo

Sir -

I have your favor of 17th - but I am glad to note that the Smith & Walker, old of Cuba will soon be on the way. I will look out for it -

Blank Books are so scarce that I am keeping the most of my memorandums accts on landscape paper - I try to make the same mode and use your purposes - If I can do so I will send you one -

I have no new issue yet. No little has come to this side of the River that I am not sanguine we will have any this year - Can you not make the old currency available? I am authorized to pay it out at $\frac{1}{3}$ of old for $\frac{1}{3}$ of new -

Kennedy
 M. G. Hall
 Capt &c

✓
 Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Tex 21. 1864
 Major.

I have your favor of 12th Inst & note contents -

You will please sell enough Cotton to pay the Specie freights & export duties incurred in shipments by sea - Some \$2.44 will be a good voucher - In expending the funds your service vouchers should have the word Specie written in the body of the a/c & in the receipt -

Sell the Cotton with the exemption as it will produce more money - You are not confined to schedule prices if you cannot obtain them, but I dare say you can obtain even higher prices - The schedule rate for sales is 3% higher on each grade than the purchase rate -

Very respy
 Yr obt serv
 L. G. Wells
 Capt & Co
 Maj. A. S. Cabell Que.
 Houston
 Texas

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Mills
Hawthorn, Nov 21. 1864

Major R. H. Lewis,
Haco.

Major - I have your parcels of 50 & 100 lb bales & male contents for which I thank you - I enclose Judge Gray's instructions on New Regulations, by which you see all our permits are good until used - provided obtained from Maj. Miller prior to being 1st - Work like a Trojan for two months, time will see if the debt cannot be paid -

Have you taken a purchase voucher for the Bagging & Rope from Gonzales & Co? - If so take also a voucher (N. 24) for sales of the R/C. & close up at Haco - I would prefer you to do so - Have you issued an exemption to Gonzales for the 60 Bales? Please advise me, if you have not done so already, do not issue any - R. H. Wells claim it from me, if you have not issued any I will issue to them - I have issued to them 10 bales sale for the Cotton delivered on my order - I will mail to hear from you -

Very respy yr abt sat
C. G. Wells; Capt R/C

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Haverton Nov 21. 1864

John H. Watson Esq Apt -
Alleyton.

Sir:

I have your favor of 18th last with inclosure.
To enable me to get receipts for the Cotton sold.
to Maj Arnold you should get from Mr Brooks
Col Hutchins' old receipt send it to me -

I asked Mr Hale to direct you to send 10
Bales of Bagging to J. S. Coake Apt for
Austin County - Retain the other 14 Bales
until called on by some of the Agents for
a supply.

I send a report of distribution of the
last lot of Bagging Rope rec^d. from King
& Co. for the Somervilles' edification.

Very respectfully

Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

379
Bottom Bureau 25th
Haverton Nov 21 1864

C. to John Engage
Anderson

Dear Sir
I am in receipt of yours of the 17th inst enclosing certificate
from John Seaman for 9 lbs & enclosed please find ordered up
in his favor for 94.00 and remission 75 for 9 Bales bottom

Very Respy

Yr old Serv

W. G. Wells

Coast Guard

Col. H. B. Beman, Dept. of the Interior
Washington, Nov 21. 1864

Messrs John Smoker & S. S. Wall, contractors
for transportation in this Bureau, will
proceed to Shenandoah and report to
Col. P. Broadwell, Chief of Bureau, for
duty.

Wm. G. Mills
Capt & Agt
Actg. Off.

Wm. G. Mills Penetration J.M.
is requested to furnish
Messrs Smoker & Wall with transportation
by Railroad to Annapolis -

Wm. G. Mills
Capt & Agt

Washington Nov 21. 1864

Trans Letter Office
 New York Nov 12 1894

Mr J. B. King
 Buffalo Print

I ship you as to day. Train

3 Bala Mares Wagging

See Ship

2 Kirk Letter type

124 Pound

10 Bala Grand

for which please forward receipt to the office

Very Respectfully
 W. B. M. L. L. L. L.
 J. L. L. L.

Circular

Cotton Bureau Sept Trans 382
Hannston Nov 10th 1864

Sir

This office must wind up its business by Feb 1. 1865—
You will therefore make no more contracts for cotton under
previous instructions. You are expected to see all the parties
with whom you have made contracts at once and use energetic
efforts to secure the delivery of the cotton contracted for
at the earliest possible moment. You will be supplied
with bagging and rope as far as possible, but owing
to the short time allowed for delivering, it may be im-
practicable to supply the necessary quantity. You will
therefore instruct the vendors to pack their cotton in
boards and hoops and you will receive it from them in
this condition, deducting from the gross weight as many
pounds as the boards & hoops will average per bale
in weight. The boards should be split thin in order to
avoid unnecessary bulk and weight, and the hoops should be
so fastened that the bale will bear transportation by
waggon.

You will forward the cotton to Hannston or San-
Antonio as previously instructed. Upon arrival at depot
the cotton will be covered with bagging and rope.
All your certificate of receipts must reach this office
by January 15. 1865, as I will not issue exemptions of later
date than Jan 20th. Major A. H. Willie at San Antonio
or Major D. S. Cabell at Hannston will take up my exemp-
tions and issue their permits thereon up to Feb 1st 1865
inclusive, but will issue no more of later date.

All parties holding my exemptions
must present them at San Antonio or Hannston on or
before February 1st 1865. The permits thus obtained will
be good to the holder at any time thereafter, and
will authorize the exportation of the cotton therein specified
without compliance with the Regulations. Parties who
neglect to obtain my exemption or Major Willie's permit
previous to the date above named will lose the right

to report under late regulations and be compelled to comply with
the new.

You will explain to all parties with whom you have
made contracts, the decided advantage they gain by an
early delivery of their cotton - a reading of the new regula-
tions properly understood, must convince them that they cannot
protect interests by taking advantage of the offer made to
them by the Cotton Bureau.

If the cotton contracted for is
collected it will enable Genl. Hitchings to pay the indebtedness
he has created for army supplies.

Act at once and act promptly

Very Respectfully
Yr. obt. Servt

Cedar Rapids Dept Home Miss
Hawthorn Nov 22. 1864

Capt Henry Liebhock

Commanding Marine Dept -

Capt.

I have the honor to request the
transfer to this Arsenal, temporarily, of
Capt H. H. Wood now on duty in your Dept.

His services are very essential, and are
required for the purpose of moving Fort
Carson out of the Sabine River, which
I have very little hope of doing without
his assistance.

If in your power to grant this request,
I would be glad to have him for thirty
days.

Very respy
Yrs at ad
G. G. Wells
Capt & agmt
Adj. Qr.

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 22. 1864

J. W. Cunningham Esq Apt
Post Sullivan,

Sir -

I have your favor of 15th inst & note contents. Messrs Edmunds & Bustamante will be wise to furnish the Bagging & Rope required and thus secure all the Cotton that can be collected previous to Decr 1st 65. They should not be too particular, for the same reason - for unless they are paid through our Bureau they may have to wait an indefinite time on the Treasury Agent.

In settlement of your services to Oct 30 - I enclose -

No. 22 - Service Bill	\$432.50	Specie funds
" 44 - Cotton Sales 10 Bales	\$432.25	do
" 12 - Purchase Bill	\$864.00	C.S. notes new issue -
and Exemptions No. 206 & No. 967 -	10 Bales each -	

I make up the papers in this way as it is a better settlement for you than if you paid yourself in Cotton. You can either apply the exemptions for 20 Bales to your own Cotton, or you can sell them. They are worth 72¢ for the specie - to \$604.22 at San Antonio. If you accept this settlement I will still owe you \$864.00 new currency.

Return me all the papers signed where I have written your name. If you want old currency for the No. 12 voucher, adding one half, sign it also & send it down for the money.

If you prefer receiving actual Cotton, return me all the papers except No. 22. Retain that until you select a lot of Cotton that will pay it, then send it to me signed together with a statement of the Cotton you take.

The above settlement has the effect of exempting 20 Bales by buying 10 Bales from you & then paying it back again in settlement of your services.

Very respectfully,

C. E. Smith

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 22. 1864

I hereby certify that this Office is indebted
to Messrs L. Lewis & Co. in the amount of
\$20,478.00 Twenty thousand, four hundred
and seventy eight dollars - specie funds - for
Army Supplies imported dry there, by sea, and
sold to Lt. Col. Hutchins, G. H. for use of the
Confederate States previous to October 3. 1864.

They propose to load (300) three hundred
Bales of Cotton on board their steamer
the "Jeanette" of value not exceeding
the above amount of indebtedness, which
I am unable to pay them according to
contract. Under Hon R. H. Gray's instructions
they are entitled to export this Cotton under old
regulations - and the Cotton which I may
hereafter pay them will be subject to the
provisions of the new Regulations, approved
Aug 3. 1864.

C. G. Webb
Capt Regt
Adj Gen

James D. G. Bay
Collector Port of Galveston.

Cotton Bureau Dept / Lane Miss
Houston, Nov 22. 1864

J. S. Hodder Esq Q^r
Tavascota.

Sir.

I have your favor of 18th 189th inst.
with enclosures & note contents.

You can retain the \$5. until you come
down, or have some claim against us
to receive it out of.

I enclose circular letter and adver-
tisement, explaining the present status
of the Bureau. All permits are
good until used, provided they are
dated prior to Decr 1st 65. Make
this matter public as rapidly as you
can & get in all the Cotton you can,
in any shape, so it comes.

I will stop issuing exemptions on
20th Decr 65.

Very respectfully
Chas. E. Wells
Capt &c

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans. Miss
 Houston Nov 22. 1864
 U. S. Having Reg. Off.
 Prairie Plains.

Dear

✓ I have your favor of 18th just made
 contents - Send the draft down
 and I will pay it at once - I do
 not want to pay 2% for expenses - but in
 this case will let it pass.

I enclose circular letter & advertisement
 showing the status of the Bureau - The
 permits are good until used provided
 they are dated prior to 1st Decr 65 - I
 will give exceptions only to Jan 30th.

Make this matter public and have
 it well understood - People who
 hold our permits can take out Cotton
 without any trouble - Get Baled Cotton
 as rapidly as possible, & forward it
 at once -

Respectfully
 Wm. G. Wells
 Capt &c

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 22. 1864

P. S. Willis Esq Capt
Montgomery

Sir.

I enclose circular letter Voucher -
-ment giving present status of Bureau.

Permits are good until used, provided
they are obtained before Febry 1. 1865 -
I will issue Exemptions up to Jan'y
28th 1865 -

Make ~~the~~ contents of enclosures public,
& let them be well understood. Any
one holding our permits can get their
cotton out without trouble.

Get in all ~~the~~ Baled Cotton you can
& forward it as rapidly as possible,
We have not much time to work on
and we have still a large debt to
pay - It can be done, however,
by prompt work -

Very respy
C. S. Wells
Capt

Cotton Bureau kept I Miss
Newbern, Nov 22. 1864

Dear Sir.

I have the honor to enclose copy of
circular letter and advertisement & have
circulated in my district - Mr. Geo Russell
& all the chiefs of districts have copies also.
Genl Hutchins is about to supply me with
Rigging & Rope for 5000 Bales, & I hope to have
it distributed this week, as it is already here -

I have your Telegram of 20th inst reporting
revocation of Genl Order #84 - I think
sufficient Cotton will be collected to pay
the house debts - especially if the enclosed
papers have the publicity I am trying to
give them.

Mr. Simpson's claim shall have my
attention - It is in the hands of a
party here for collection.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

W. G. Wells

Captain

W. G. Wells

Chief Cotton Bureau

Shreveport, La

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Houston, Tex 22. 1864
 Geo. J. Sanford Esq
 New York

Sir - I have your favor of 16th Inst
 & note contents -

In consequence of the Transfer of the Govt.
 Cotton business to the Treasury Department,
 I issue a circular letter - copy enclosed -
 which will inform you as to future operations.

As so little has been done in your country
 you are at liberty to cancel the contracts if
 the parties wish it - It is not expedient
 to end Bagging & Rope for the 9 sales
 reported -

Any party, however,
 who desires may deliver Saled Cotton to you
 and receive his exemption as stated in the
 circulars.

Respectfully
 Yr obt servt
 C. C. Wells
 Chief

✓ Cabot Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Nov 22. 1854
 Col. Thos. J. McKimney, Cpl
 Austin, Texas

Sir.

I have your favor of 19th but with
 enclosure - As requested I enclose
 my exemption No. 440 - Nov 22. 54. 20 B/C
 in. you this - name of S. C. Evans -

I suppose you take the purchase vouchers
 yourself - Please do not issue duplicate
 receipts as you have done in this instance - You
 should take up the other from Evans, or it may
 come in & be issued upon unknowingly -

I enclose you my circular letter and
 advertisement - You will please advise
 your agents accordingly -

Permits are good until used -

Very respy

Yours at

C. C. Hall

Capt &c

Custom Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston. Nov 22. 1864

Major,

I have the honor to acknowledge your
favor of 14th inst from New York, concerning
Amended Regulations and instructions.
They will cover the case I think, and I am
more hopeful of results.

Your suggestion of a circular to Agents
had occurred to me, and I had prepared
one before the receipt of your letter. I now
enclose a copy - also copy of advertisement
which I thought necessary to publish in
order that people might have no right
to complain for want of notice.

I will be glad to know if you think
they meet the purpose intended.

Very respy

Yr obt servt

C. C. Wells

Capt &c

Major Chas Sumner Jm.
San Antonio,
Texas

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
 Houston, Tex 22.1864
 R. A. Cruiss Esq. Of
 Cold Spring.

Sir -

I have your favor of 14th Inst & make
 contents. Mr. W. E. Hagues cert of ant
 Exemption for the remaining 23 B Cotton
 has been mailed to you. I trust it
 reached you before he started for Houston.

I enclose circular letter & advertisement
 for your information and action - Act
 as promptly as possible during the limited
 time remaining to work in.

The main question about permits is
 settled - They are good until used -

Very respy
 Yours truly
 C. C. Wells
 Capt. &c

Cotton Bureau Sept. 1864
 Houston Nov 22. 1864

J. B. Bailey Esq. agt
 Henderson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and
 contents.

I enclosed your exemption from B. M. Walker for
 100 Bb on the 19th inst.

I have no authority to pay freight
 on cotton transported from Capt. Baugh's district into mine,
 and can only acquire cotton so transported by purchase,
 the same as if it were grown in my district.

Very Respy

Yr obt. Servt

L. H. Wells

Capt. V. A. G. W.

Cotton Bureau Sept 28th 1864
 Lanston Nov 22 1864

✓
 A. H. P. Lawrence Esq agt
 Leana
 Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst enclosing \$2.00 for 62 Bb and make emblems.

I will pay the draft from of
 W. Walker when presented.

I have before advised you to ship as early as practicable to Harrods all cotton purchased by you while your agency was in my district. I have no authority over cotton acquired by you since Sept 1, when your district was placed under the supervision of Capt J. B. Fitchell, and for all cotton purchased since that date, you will receive instructions how to dispose of it, from Capt Fitchell or from Major Davis.

Very Respect
 yr obt Servt
 L. G. Wells
 Capt & agt

Post Office Bureau Dept of Justice
Washington, Nov 22. 1864.

The three four yoke ox teams, three
wagons and three negro teamsters in
charge of L. C. DeBlance, are employed
in transporting the tools and baggage
of Moore & Smother, Contractors on
this Bureau, from Liberty to
Pulaski, and are not subject to
imprisonment.

Impressing officers are requested
not to molest them in any manner
whatever, going and returning.

L. G. Wells
Capt & Agt
Actg. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept of War
Hawtaw, Nov 22. 1864

Genl.

I have receipted to Capt Black
for 500 lbs Cotton as wet & damaged.

Capt Smaker objects to this as it was
dry when it went out of his hands. I
conceive that I am only responsible for
its condition as I received it, but
at the same time I do not consider this
mine responsible for its wet condition,
as Capt Schneider corroborates this
statement that it was put up dry,
& that it became wet while lying in
Barracks awaiting transportation.

It was originally damaged pickings, & this
class of Cotton wets & retains water very
easily. - The heavy rains we have
had lately readily account for it.
& that is each of came on his part -

Very respectfully

Yours etc

Attest W. A. Brewster

Chas Cotton Bureau

C. C. Hilly
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss.
 Houston, Nov 22. 1874

Capt W. L. Black Agt.
 Sineyport, La

Capt -

I have the honor to enclose my
 Official Receipts for

3808 B/Cotton rec'd. in S. Quarter

Being Press -

362 B/Cotton, good

222

150

Pickings, dry

or wet

Rec'd. in 4th Gr.

& my Invoices for

Wages, Lashing & Tails -

Please sign Invoices & Receipts & return
 to me -

The above Transfers refer solely to the
 Cotton received from Moore & Smoker. In
 justice to these gentlemen I must say that
 the amount of damage to the Cotton is rather
 less than is usually caused by flat Boat
 Transportation, and that a large amount of
 it is ~~the~~ damage.

Very respectfully
 W. L. Black Capt & Co

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Havens Nov 22. 1864

R. J. Harris Esq
Hempstead

Sir.

I have your favor of 22nd. inst with
enclosure know envelope Certified accl
& Exemption N. 442. 20 Rye - 5278 lbs
R. J. Harris - 1864 -

I have no new issue to pay with
but am authorized to pay in old currency
at \$3 for \$2 - if you choose to take it,
very respy

Yours truly
L. C. Hill
Capt &c

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss

Houston Nov 22. 1864

To J. Carey Esq one of
Shelbyville,

Sir,

I have your favor of 18th inst & make
contents -

I have checked your letter by my Cotton
Receipts & find I have -

Through W. S. Thomas & Co. Savannah -	213 Bales
" Harwell Bros. Millican -	24 "
" Alexander & Co. Beaumont -	26 "
" Capt H. B. Lee	64 "
Total	324 Bales

Leaving 335 Bales short, which difference arises
in the Cotton shipped by Capt Lee, & I write
to him to day to enquire about it - Have
you his Receipts - The discrepancy must be
looked into -

Very respy
Yr obt serv
C. C. Wells
Capt VC

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Wks
Houston, Nov 28. 1864

Capt H.B. Kee agent
Birmingham,

Capt.

H. J. Carey writes me that he has shipped to me through your HOS Bales Cotton. On examination I find I have received only 67 Bales - viz -

Sept 6 - 33 Bales - Sept 15 - 1 Bale - Sept 24 - 33 Bales - which are the only lots you have advised me as coming from Carey - Please let me know what you know about the lot - and if you can do so, please designate which Bills of Lading represented this Cotton.

I have receipted to Moore & Smoker as per your memo. receipt - I will have to receipt to Capt. R. H. Perry for what he sent - Let me know how much you shipped for him - He can get about date & lots. - The Carey & Perry shipments are still to be receipted for.

I enclose Invoice Bagg & Rope used on boat
Kangroespey
Co. G. Wells
Capt. C.

Cotton Bureau Dept Yarn Mills
Hawthorn, Nov 23. 1864

Capt. L. H. Hand
Beaumont,

Graph

I enclose Capt. Hubbard's order turning you over to the Bureau for the month of December, which I suppose will give you time to get out the Hills at least.

Please make your arrangements to do the work with as much rapidity as possible - The prospect is that there will be an early winter this winter & you should take advantage of it -

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C. G. Wells

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Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Miss
Houston, Nov 23. 1864

Capt. R. King,
Katagorda,

Sir -

I enclose the detail for Mr Herman
Chamberlain - rec^d. from Dept Hd Qrs - to-
day -

Very respectfully
C. C. Wells

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept. Tr. Miss.
Houston, Nov 23. 1864

Mr. W. H. Washburne
Shenepark, Va.

Sir.

I have your Telegram of this date &
have forwarded it to Mr Gokkston - I
suppose you write him by mail to come over
of the Cotton -

Very respectfully
Spott ev
C. C. Wells
Catt Va

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Houston, Nov 20, 1874
 J. H. Gahlester Esq
 Montgomery

Sir,

I enclose Telegram received this
 morning from Mr Washburn - I suppose
 he will advise you by mail to turn over
 half the Cotton to Agent Willis -

Very respectfully
 Yr obt serv
 C. G. Wells
 Nov 21, 1874

Cotton Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Houston, Nov 20, 1874
 P. J. Willis Esq
 Montgomery

Sir,

Mr Washburn has telegraphed Mr J. H.
 Gahlester that he will sell his Cotton to
 Govt. Please call on him within a week
 or so and conclude the arrangement as he
 may be instructed by mail -

Very respectfully
 C. G. Wells
 Nov 21, 1874

Cotton Bureau Dept of Miss
Havenshaw, Nov 23. 1864

Col. C. S. Helm,
U. S. Command, Aft.
Havana.

Sir -

I have the honor to enclose \$/Lading
Dr/ & 60 B/ Cotton for schr "Nightingale" -
shipped for credit of War Department. The
Cotton will be reshipped to you from Vera
Cruz -

Mr Henry Sampson has been assigned to
the duty of shipping Cotton for account of
the Insurgency Department. It is probable
that reshipment of the Cotton he sends will
be direct to Liverpool from the port of
arrival.

A steamer has been captured on her
way into Galveston - supposed to be the
"Maria"

Very respy
Yours truly
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

Private ✓

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Houston Jan 23. 1854

Dear Sir,

I have your favour of 14th Inst. and again thank you for your kind offers of assistance. I do not know of anything that would suit so better than to go with Paul Slaughter, as I would you, and I will wait for another letter from you before I apply for an assignment to him.

I do not take to myself your complimentary allusions to recruits in this District. You set the whole thing in motion and are responsible for its progress and entitled to all the credit that grows out of it. I feel that it will not have much stability in it after your overtures are withdrawn. The new organization has my sympathies, but I am not very hopeful as to its success. It wants for its head a man who will assume responsibilities & sacrifice the evening to carry out the work. I do not believe a man with these requisites can be found. To one who looks to popularity in the future will accept it willingly, & if it is forced upon any one he will not have its interest at heart sufficiently to do any particular good. I believe Capt. Black has been selected by Judge Gray for the position Cal. Blalock is to have. I think he will have all the support that Paul Smith & Judge Gray can give, and that his success will be commensurate with his merits.

I have seen Mr. Ballinger and he positively refuses to accept a dollar for his services - He appreciates the kindness and justice of the offer but cannot let himself too much in fear of the Bureau to make any change for what he has done for himself - It is probably better that he should so decide on his letters during the great State agitation may assume some shape against him hereafter - no one can tell what may arise and an accusation may be brought against him that he received payment for services rendered to one branch of the Bureau while he was a Govt. Officer - His moral right to charge the Bureau no one can deny except a prejudiced enemy, & I believe our enemies are more entirely devoid of charity than those of any other Govt. organization - Now the State laws that make up the Bureau Office with later amendments under it -

I really believe that the Bureau needs money, & that it would be very acceptable - but must say he cannot be too careful, for his propriety will make him a public man always, and he should be beyond reproach, even if fetched as much as one million years.

As he will not accept anything I have no part in it for the exemption you have so kindly placed at my disposal. I pay the Agents on the contract plan of the old Civil Service for the work they do, and will I hope have no further experience I cannot account for - I have nothing to suggest of last summer, and stated in full the

necessity for seemingly large disbursements, on the face
of the vouchers. I return the permit therefore
with many thanks for the kind consideration which you have
so often.

I have one voucher which I do not want to take up
on my papers, if possible - that is the Lane Smith's
payment. Can you provide for it in any way?

I have not been able to get your Ruggs' copy
an account of Maj. Break's absence - I think the
Roberts' offer is probably a fair one, but can tell
better when I see it.

If it is possible to send me \$1000.00. necessary
to pay out of \$5. for Cotton seed, it will help the Bureau
greatly - if we fail to pay these it will be almost
as great a reproach as if all the Cotton had been
imposed. People profess not to understand why
they are not paid -

If it is true that fifteen
millions have lately come across, hope they might
be provided for by Genl Smith to turn over one

Grade are arriving rapidly at Allentown - I have had
to see to the thing & the money to pay freight on them - and
I understand the Riffey will leave his \$5000. at
San Antonio -

Very respectfully,
C. C. Phelps

Love to all.

Since writing the within, it has occurred to me that the Cotton Bureau should pay the expenses of the trial of any of our Agents, indicted under the State Law arrived at the Cotton Office -

Also to pay the fines if they are convicted. Agents Bro. Holston & J. C. Baldwin have been indicted in Colorado County - Capt Shropshire and Agent W. H. Garrison will probably share their ~~guilt~~ fate in Gayette County. The penalty is fine or imprisonment - as there is no criminality attached to the offence, & as the jury in this State assesses the sentence, if they are convicted they will probably be fined & not imprisoned.

It will be a hard case if these men must pay their fines incurred under orders from Gen. Smith through a military Bureau.

What can I do? & how should I provide for the case? Counsel has been engaged for them - & Mr Ballinger will do all in his power -

C. C. W.

Estimé Bureau Rept Have this
 Houston Nov. 20th 64
 W. H. Garrison Esq. of
 the Orange,

Sir,

Delivered to Geo. W. Fiske enough
 cotton to amount in value at schedule
 rates named below, to \$8,484⁰⁰ Eight
 thousand, four hundred and eighty four
 dollars. Said usual statement
 of delivery to this office.

Ordinary	11 1/4
Good Ordinary	14 1/4
New Middling	16 1/4
Middling	17 1/4
Good Middling	18 1/4

C. G. Wells
 Capt. & Agent
 City of -

P.S. This order is to take precedence of
 all orders for manufactured Bales now
 in your hands -

C. G. Wells
 Capt. &

✓
Cotton Bureau Dept Trans 443
Houston Nov 25. 1864 ✓

Jos. Mendel Esq
Livingston - Bullock County

Sir

Enclosed please find certified a/c in your favor
dated Nov 15th 1864 for \$106.65 and exemption Nov 7th 71
for 10 & 12 Bales Cotton.

I can pay certified a/c in all
time, and will add on to it the legal discount to make
it equal to the new - 50 per cent, I am not in funds with
new time and can not say when I will be -

Very Respy
yours &c
L. G. Wells
Capt & Co

✓
Cotton Bureau Dept Trans 443
Houston Nov 25 1864

W. H. Fairbank Esq
La Grange

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th inst with enclosure
and note contents. Enclosed please find certified accounts
and exemptions as follows -

Certified a/c dated Nov 14th for 10 Bales for \$229.57

Exemption 12 770 from M. Gill for 1 Bales Cotton

" " 774 " M. Jones

Very Respy
yours &c
L. G. Wells
Capt & Co

✓
Boston Bureau Sept Term 2nd
London Nov 22 1864

✓
Dear Mr. Jones Esq
Newham

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 19th & 20th inst enclosing
certificates of J. A. Arbuckle & Co & J. N. Lehardwick for
5 sales. I enclosed please find certified ops and exemptions
for the certificates in suit
to certified ops dated Nov 19 from J. A. Arbuckle & Co for \$245.54

Exemption No 779 from J. N. Lehardwick for 5 Blooms 124.68
" 777 " J. A. Arbuckle & Co " 6

Very Resp
Yr obt Serv
L. H. Wells
Capt & Agt

✓
Boston Bureau S. T. M
London Nov 23, 1864

✓
John Watson Esq
Alleyson

Sir

Enclosed please find certified ops and exemptions as follows
Certified ops dated Nov 22 from Messrs James & Co for \$312.93

Exemption No 773 from Messrs James & Co for 50 Sales Boston 272.90
" 776 " J. Vogel " 6

Very Resp
Yr obt Serv
L. H. Wells
Capt & Agt

Custom Bureau Dept of Miss.

Houston, Nov 23. 1862

J. S. Cooke Esq. Of
Hempstead

Sir -

I have your Telegram of 28th.
I enclose circular letter & advertisement -
also Judge Gray's instructions on the new
Regulations - I cannot explain these,
as I have nothing to do with them or the
export duties - They will be conducted
solely by Internal Agents.

Article 12 of the Instructions refers to the
Custom Bureau permits - The holder of these can
export as frequently & will not have to give
a bond - I do not know whether
Officers are yet placed on duty at Galveston &
San Antonio -

The Exemptions & permits are good until
used - This fact should bring in
Custom a little faster -

Very respectfully

W. A. H. J. J. J.

C. S. Wells

public as possible -

Comptroller

Exemptions must be exchanged for permits before Feb 1.

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept of Agric
 Houston Tex 23. 1864
 J. S. Vedder Esq Cpl
 Minnesota.

Sir -

✓ I have your favor of 22nd inst &
 note contents - I trust you will
 find cash by tomorrow as I am very
 short of Cash.

I enclose \$435⁰⁰ C.B. note drawn
 being amount of U.B. Sellers' account.

very respy

Yr obt serv

C. W. Wells

Capt

✓ Captain Duncan kept his men ✓
 ✓ Garrison. No other ✓
 Mr. Wm. Eng. Gt.
 Millison.

✓
 Sir -

I have your favor of 22nd last & am
 content -

I send you today 2 Millison & 2 or 3 bags
 & hope to match - please get in the best form
 as rapidly as possible -

The Cotton not taken by Edwards & Co, you
 will please send to Garnett & Son Millison
 for assignment to Boston. - Before you
 leave the County I want to know that every
 bale of Cotton you have purchased is
 removed -

Very respectfully
 Wm. C. Kelly
 Capt. Vt.

✓
 Come down by the
 Houston, Tex 21.11.11

✓
 J. Bartlett Esq, Esq
 H. Arline

✓
 I have your favor of 17th inst
 and enclosures made. I have
 made shipments to San Antonio. It will be
 better than to leave it in the country to damage.
 I have sent you a circular letter. I have
 told the men who have sold to them do not show them all
 their own interests enough to make good their
 contracts, let them have their own way. I am
 a permit now they can export their cotton as they like
 without restriction. No one else up to July
 1st they have had a short time to shipment. I
 they choose to take their cotton to San Antonio or
 San I will get my share, as it makes no
 difference as to what to.

Since parties have separated the receipts from
 the Cotton will be separately. I have
 bought some of them. No permit is needed by the
 Bureau.

Very truly

C. E. Smith
 Esq

✓
 Captain Benjamin S. ...
 ... 24. 1864

✓
 E. A. Crook Esq. C. L.
 Hempstead

✓
 Sir

I have a very pressing matter. The suggestion to send 10 men from Buggy to Newville came from me and I have the German settlements wanted. I suppose I will have the destination changed. I should try to have some one at Newbury to see for a visit - Or, would you object to the Allegheny agent overlapping your western border? I could get some to go over. As the Haggins is already at his finger board supply it from there.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

J. C. H. H.

Captain

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 Capt. R. B. Greene
 Richmond

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 Capt. R. B. Greene
 Richmond

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 Capt. R. B. Greene

I have your favor of 20th and note contents. I think the want of Bagging & Rope has been supplied in part - If necessary I can send more - If possible I would be glad to have the people put up their Cotton in Boarded bales - as suggested in my circular - but I will try to keep the bales supplied.

I do not know where the Mexicans you speak of got this permits - A number of parties have operated their Cotton from the permits would then operate on account of realizing more money - I suppose the man you refer to has a train waiting and shunage or is anxious to move for some other reason & will sacrifice something to do it.

I hope you will arrange with Mr. Pettus as you think - I consider it a Chaplain's case.

Capt. Shakespeare is still at the Gauge - since Holston & Baldwin were indicted under the new State Law, Capt. S. probably thinks it well the wiser to run any particular risk, and I cannot blame him - though I wish he had been more active some time ago.

Very respy
 C. C. Hall
 Capt. R. B. Greene

Cotton Bureau, Dept. of the Interior
 Houston, Nov. 24, 1864
 Mr. John E. Ayer
 Richmond

I have your favor of 20th inst. and make answer to -
 Mr. Somerville says your connections to Bagby & Rife Station
 are right - Mr. Percy has made the entries of Bagby &
 Rife as stated in your letter.

I will make no more charges for Bagby & Rife excepted
 unless stated in your certificate.

Mr. Somerville sends you Bagging & Rife for this train.
 I enclose Cert of Exemption to J. & E. J. Brennan
 S. R. C. 1865 12
 & Exemption No. 207 - W. V. John 10. 1864
 Make your usual statement when you select the
 Cotton.

I have just seen Mr. Kleiber - He is willing to take his
 Cotton on Plantation & will pay the freight on it to
 Richmond. He says he asked you to engage the
 transportation for him & that you named several lots of
 Cotton that would be ready to send - He will go
 up to Richmond tomorrow.

I feel rather relieved than otherwise by the prospect
 of change. This week has been an up hill business
 very thankless and very little credit is gained by any
 one connected with it. I trust the increasing
 Agency will accomplish all that is expected of it,
 but the people will cry out against it, as they have done
 against the Bureau, and I would not be surprised if
 any little good is done by the change -

Very respectfully

C. E. Wall

Catow Bazaar Kept from Miss.

Haverham Nov 24. 1864

John Holston Esq

Alleyton -

Sir - Do not ship any Bagging
to Bellmire as directed by Mr Dale - The
Coake the Capt. wants it at Newphead, & it
will be sent from there -

Very respec

C. G. Wells

Capt

Catow Bazaar Kept from Miss

Haverham Nov 24. 1864

✓
St. H. Parramane Esq
Gungahles,

Sir -

I have your favor of 17th inst.
made contents - Open your Bagging to Major
Major Cabell, at Clinton, who is in charge of the
Bureau District - If he needs it you pay for it.
He will certainly buy it -

Very respec

C. G. Wells

Capt

Cotton Bureau Rept to Miss
Houston Nov 24. 1864

Mr. S. S. Veder Cpt
Varadero,

Sir -

I enclose Bugby & Rapp
to day for S. A. Miller, Cpt. at Crockett.
Send it to him by some of the detailed
transmission coming to you - They can bring
back Cotton from Crockett,

Very respy

C. C. Hall
Capt 40

Cotton Bureau, Rept from Miss
Houston, Nov 24. 1864

W. G. Hale Esq

San Antonio

Sir -

I have your favor of 20th last
from Alington and enclose copy of letter of 17th last
to Capt Russell as requested -

Very respy

C. C. Hall
Capt 40

Canton Bureau Dept. of Miss
 Houston, Nov 24, 1864
 S. A. Miller Esq Cpt
 Crockett

Sir - Mr. Lawrence's wagons did
 not call for the Bagging & Rope intended
 for you & I have had to send it by R.R.
 to Tamaraca - I have instructed Mr.
 Hedder, the Cpt there, to send it to you -

Very respectfully
 Genl the wagons back
 with cotton
 A. C. Kelly
 Captain

Respectfully,
J. A. Miller, Esq. Capt.
Honolulu, Nov. 24, 1884

Dear Sir -

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the Hawaiian Islands. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the Hawaiian Islands. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the proposed purchase of the Hawaiian Islands.

Very respectfully,
J. A. Miller, Esq. Capt.
Honolulu

Yours truly,
J. A. Miller

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Nov 24. 1864

Capt. W. C. Black agul.
Winnepoort.

Capt - I have the honor to enclose Invoices
& Receipts of Drugs, Clothing, Rope & Tools,
delivered to Moore & Smaker - Messrs Hall
& Smaker will verify the articles, as I under-
stand the firm is to pay for them - I omit
the prices which are specie for the Rope & Tools -
Mr Hall has a memo. of the Cost
of the Drugs in U. S. Notes -

Please sign Receipts and return them to
me -

Very respectfully
Yours at
C. G. Bell
Capt

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.
and in reply to inform you that the
same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]
[Illegible text]

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst.
and in reply to inform you that the
same has been forwarded to the
proper authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]
[Illegible text]

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. H. [Signature]
[Illegible text]

Wm. H. Miller

Wm. H. Miller
Million

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Wm. H. Miller

4 Bales India Ragging 2520 yds
4 Bales Manila Rope 3250 yds

You will please forward Receipt for above

Wm. H. Miller

Wm. H. Miller

I have shipped you on the
day train to care of Wm. H. Miller
4 Bales India Ragging 2520 yds
4 Bales Manila Rope 3250 yds

You will please forward receipt for same to this
Office.
Very Respectfully
W. H. Miller

Dear Mr. [illegible]
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and the *Agave* grows in the shade

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March 20, 1954

The Deputy
Recorder

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Very
Col. Hill
Stambridge

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Dear Father Office
 Monday May 20 1846

C.D. & Sons
 Cold Springs, N.Y.

Dear Sir - I had hoped at last to hear
 of Uncle Sam's safe & am glad
 you will please forward receipt for same to
 his office
 Very Respectfully
 L. S. Wells Esq.
 Providence

My dear Mr. Miller
 I am glad to hear
 of your success in getting
 the missing exempt time & 80. Aug 2. by
 10 P.M. 1870. and now enclose it to
 you to file in lieu of the information
 paper issued by Mr. Haisow upon which
 you issued a permit -
 Please send me the old paper at
 your convenience,
 Very sincerely
 Mr. C. Wells
 Capt. H.

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 of your success in getting
 the missing exempt time & 80. Aug 2. by
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 Very sincerely
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 Capt. H.

Post Office Bureau Dept. of War,
 Houston, Tex 24. 1870.

Maj. A. N. Hillie
 San Antonio.

Sir - In corresponding with Mr. Haisow
 & Agent Haisow I have succeeded in getting
 the missing exempt time & 80. Aug 2. by
 10 P.M. 1870. and now enclose it to
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Boston Bureau Dept Transp
Houston Nov 25 1864

J. H. Hook Esq agt
Bureau

Sir

At the request of Mr John J. Barreth, I enclose
a copy of a letter No 713 in his favor for of Baitabottom.
I have mailed the enclosed etc
as per copy sent at Huntsville -

Very Resp
Yr Svt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agt

✓
Henry Wells Esq
Bureau

Sir

Boston Bureau Dept Transp
Houston Nov 25 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 22nd inst.
Enclosed please find certified copy in yr form dated Nov 22
for \$1000 and exemption No 787 for 2 Baitabottom -

✓
Very Resp
Yr Svt Svt
L. G. Wells
Capt & agt

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~~copy~~
San Antonio Nov 26 1864

John H. Wells

Houston. Texas

100 ft

I wish you would decline some of the county agents in your district. Patton as is known daily from the Texas and Family in charge of men who state that Mr. Loarnder, Mr. Mr. Llanahan, Mr. John or some other agent, had recd. the gent. half and promised to have your exemption at San Antonio to meet the cotton but it has not come. Although they do not blame you or myself, they consider themselves badly treated by the agents and beg me hard to issue permits in advance, which is very annoying.

Very Resp. Yrs
(Signed) J. H. Wells
Maj + Col

R. H. John Esq agt
Richman's

Houston Nov 25. 1864

Sir

Above please find copy of a letter to me from Maj Wells which will explain itself. Please do not hereafter promise to have exemptions in San Antonio to meet cotton unless you are sure your promise can be complied with, and not then unless there is some special reason for it. It would be more regular and more satisfactory to all concerned for the parties whose exemptions in hand before they start their cotton

Very Resp.
J. H. Wells
Capt & Gen

copy

San Antonio Nov 24 1864

copy of letter

Lanston Texas

Capt

I wish you would secure some of the county agents in your district. Bottom an
 are daily from the Brazos and Trinity, in charge of men
 who state that Mr. Leavender, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Nichols,
 or some other agent, had received the government help
 and promised to have your exemption at San Antonio
 to meet the cotton, but it has not come. Although
 they do not blame you or myself, they exercise them-
 selves badly, treated by the sub agents, and beg me to
 receive permits in advance, which is very annoying -

Very respectfully
 Yr. obt. Servt

Signed A. H. Wells
 Major

C. L. Wells
 Capt. Wagner

Mr. Leavender Agent
 Land

Lanston Nov 25. 1864

Sir

Now please find copy of a letter to me from Maj
 Wells which will explain itself. Please do not desist
 from these exemptions at San Antonio, to meet
 cotton going there unless you are sure your promise
 can be complied with, and not there unless there is
 some special reason for it. It would be more regular
 and more satisfactory to all concerned for the parties
 to have their exemptions in hand before they start
 their cotton.

Very truly
 Yr. obt. Servt
 Capt. Wells

San Antonio Nov 25 1864 38

Capt H. G. Wells
Houston, Texas

Capt

I wish you would lecture some
of the county agents in your district. Cotton growers
have docked from the Brazos and Trinity, in charge of men
who state that Mr. Saunders, Mr. McLaughlin, Mr. John
or some other agent, had recd. the gov't help, and promised
to have exemptions at San Antonio to meet the cotton, but
it has not come. Although they do not blame you or
myself, they consider themselves badly treated by the subgen
and beg me to send permission in advance which is
very annoying.

Signed

my self
A. H. Wells

Nov 25 1864

Houston Nov 25. 1864

to the justice agent

McLaughlin

J. H. McLaughlin Esq
Porter Bluff

Sir

Below please find copy of a letter to me from my friend
which will explain itself. Please do not hesitate to permit
to have exemptions in San Antonio to meet cotton going there
unless you are sure your promise can be complied with.
and that then unless there is some express reason for it.
it would be more regular and more satisfactory
to all concerned for the parties to have their exemptions
in hand, before they start their cotton.

Very Respy

Yours truly

A. H. Wells

Capt H. G. Wells

Extra Bureau Capt Isaac Mills
Houston, Nov 25 1864.

George H. Clapp Esq
on parties in charge of East Flat Boats at
Sabine Town, Texas -

Will deliver to General King & Co.
on Mr. C. B. Settle, their agent, the three Flat
Boats, with their appurtenances, which were
built for the purpose of transporting the Govt.
Cannon at Sabine Town & which has lately been
turned over to King & Co. - Mr. Settle
is authorized to receipt for them.

Wm. G. Wells

Capt & Agent

Acting for Mr. Col. Wm. A. Broadwell,
Chf of Bureau

✓
Cotton Bureau D. J. No 440
Hanson Nov 25. 1864 ✓

J. L. Vedder Esq Agent
Hanson

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst with encl-
ures and note enclosed.

Two certified ap's have been given
to George Stoneham Senr. as follows.

1 calls Aug 20 for 20 Bt @ 25¢ and to \$3565.50
2 . . . 25 . . 15 . . 22 . . 9655 00-

Your letter was the first
information recd here that Mr. Stoneham was supplied
with Bt R. and his certified ap's were made out for
double rates on account of Mr. White's certificates
calling for those rates.

If you can accomplish
to please get from Mr. Stoneham the certified
ap's and return them here for correction.

Respy. yr obt. Svt
C. L. Wells
Capt & Agt

Col. Duncan kept from this
 November, Nov 25. 1864

Capt. H. C. Sellen

Quartermaster General
 U. S. Army

Capt.

Under erroneous information I in-
 structed Mr. Haisor to turn over to Mr. Haisor
 some Conestoga Teamsters detailed to this office.
 He was to use them for bringing in salt for the
 Subsistence Dept, and as the Govt was shipping
 no salt at the time I allowed him to use the
 men on their outward trip, under the impression
 that I was despatching another branch of the service.
 He got four men before I was correctly informed &
 I then directed Mr Haisor not to turn over any
 more.

I enclose a communication addressed by
 myself to Capt R. B. Richardson Acty. Adj. Comm.
 with his endorsement upon it. You will
 notice that Capt R. does not disclaim the contract,
 but he leaves it in such a position that I am
 not warranted in allowing a further use of
 the men.

You will please therefore take charge of these
 men on their return to the range. Upon notice from
 you, giving their names, I will consider them
 fully released. Mr. Haisor will turn
 over to you all the men not indisputable to him.
 You will please consider Mr. C. Nichols as
 turned back to you. Very respectfully
 Yrs. out
 C. C. Sellen

✓ Cotton Bureau Recy. ^{of Trans} - 1864

Houston, Nov 25..

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A. W. Fairbank Esq. & Co.

La Grange

Sir -

I have your favor of 22 with enclosures. I thank you for the thanks exemption - for being acquainted with Mr. G. feared it was too late to recover it.

I think Col. Barnes has not talked me badly, & I feel aggrieved to a considerable degree by the idea in the minds of the people that he has any connection whatever with the Bureau. I write today to the Enrolling Officer to take all the detailed men he is using, as soon as they return to La Grange - You will please also report to Capt. McClellan all the men you have no use for - retaining only those who are absolutely indispensable to you. Col. Barnes cannot use the men even on authority of the Adjutant's Department until they are regularly detailed for that purpose -

Please read the enclosed letter & hand it to Capt. McClellan -

Very respectfully

Yrs. &c. &c.

C. C. Wall
Capt. &c.

✓ Cotton Bureau Recy. ^{of Trans} Miss.

Houston, Nov 25. 1864.

✓ J. Bartlett Esq. & Co.
Harris.

Sir -

I have your favor of 20th Inst. & have made the correction in E. B. Wilder's Bill of Lading by substituting 1 Bales.

Very respectfully

Yrs. &c. &c.
C. C. Wall
Capt. &c.

Carton Bureau Dept of Texas
Houston, Nov 25. 1854

Capt. W. S. Coles
Quarrelling Officer, Bastrop Co.
Bastrop.

Capt. -

I understand that Mr. S. Reynolds has turned over to one J. R. Burmes several Conscription Teamsters, who were detailed by you to Mr. J. B. Kibbuck for King & Co., and for whom I am responsible. I consider Mr. Reynolds a few days ago condemning his action, and have not yet received his reply, but I feel confident that he did so without knowing that he did wrong.

I write him today to turn back to you all the men not indispensable to him.

You will also please take charge of the men Burmes has as soon as they return to Bastrop, and consider them turned in to you. Upon notice from you, giving names of men, I will consider their details revoked.

Burmes imposed upon me to come except by a contract he had made for delivery of salt. Kaper has representations & papers & allowed him the use of your men in Bayette County. Not being satisfied as to the authority he had I addressed a communication to Capt. Richardson, Atty Gen. Commissary, a copy of which, with his endorsement, I enclose. I do not think he is entitled to use the men - at all events he cannot use them while I am responsible for them.

Very truly,
Wm. S. Coles

San Antonio, Tex. 20. 1878

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I hope to make you today on
subject. One of Special interest
and others who are likely to suffer
from a barbarous state law system
and who have only done their duty
under orders.

Since writing you on the subject of Inc.
Holtan & S. C. Baldwin's case in Colorado
County, I have learned that there are
three indictments pending against them in the
same court. So if they are not connected
on one they will still suffer the annoyance
of defending two others.

Mr. Ballinger's
impression is that a strong effort will be made
to convict. And it is evident that conviction
will follow if a trial is had during the
winter.

He advises continuance as the
only prudent defence. But it will be very
necessary to retain a lawyer to conduct
the case.

Mr. Ballinger will assist
and do all he can, but a local lawyer
is necessary.

Mr. W. C. Webb the
District is highly
recommended.

He has been in the
Army and has no sympathy with the
disaffected clique or the speculators
and to crown all is an ardent
advocate of the Cuban Cause.

He is certainly the man
to employ. He will be always at home
and can look the case in any position
it may assume. There is no doubt
of his ability to manage it. He

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The claim is to be granted
the expenses of the suit & to
should advise against the sale of
property for this purpose. That is
for such a purpose would be a
to break our own heads. I would
suggest that you advise with Judge
Way on the subject. He has experience
or assumed the validity of our personal
cannot be induced to assume a
to & consequently assume the protection
of our agents as if they were his own.
This warrant for an expenditure
for this purpose would make a good
voucher. Are there not appropriations
for Secret Service? This would be
a sound application of such a fund.
The Bureau is certainly bound
to protect its agents. If they are con-
victed under the law, for doing some
such orders run good yachts, not
invented except under that miserable
law. They should not be expected to pay
for this. It is only just to provide
for this & to give them the best legal
assistance that can be obtained -
If a precedent is established, no one
else will do, there will be no
end to suits.

Some consider this letter objectionable
as far as your may think proper to
make use of it. Judge Way's opinion
& assistance (provisionally) must be had if
possible.
Very truly yours
W. R. Stewart

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Capt. James, Capt. James
Hawthorn. Nov 25. 1864.

Mr Reynolds Esq
Bastrop

Sir -

I enclose a letter to Capt Leane (or to
Enrolling Officer if he has been changed)
which you will please read and deliver.

The lead runner in question seems to be
being detailed teamsters for private purposes,
and he cannot do so with my consent - The
men he has there, must be turned over
to the Enrolling Officer as soon as they return
to Bastrop -

You will please turn
over to him also all the men who were de-
tailed to King & Co, unless you have use for
some, in which case you will retain them.

I once gave lead runner authority to use some
men in Fayette County for the purpose of
bringing in salt - but I stopped it as soon
as I became aware that I was not benefiting
another branch of the service - He has
probably talked with you and exhibited
his papers - The case is very plausible
but I cannot consent to any use of men
for whom I am responsible - The
details must be obtained for him by the
Commissionary Genl, after I give them
up -

Very respectfully
Yours
L. G. Wall
Capt

Cotton Bureau Capt Grace Miss. 447
Houston Nov 25 1864

J. H. John. Esq. At -
Richmond

Sir.

I enclose order on Capt H. Clay for the
negro Tyler - You can present it and receive
the pay - If Capt H. Clay furnishes you with the
Descriptive Roll please send it to me.

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. C. Wells
Capt

✓ Cotton Bureau Capt Grace Miss.
Houston Nov 25 1864

Maj A. H. Willie. Esq.
San Antonio.

Majr - I have your favor of 20th. and have contents -
I have notified Agents John. McLaughlin and
Bancroft as you suggest, & I trust you will have
no further annoyances of the kind -

Very respectfully
Yours truly
C. C. Wells
Capt

Monte Rio 26 1865

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Capt. W. L. ...

Capt.

I have shipped a year's rice on the day train for ...

5 P. India Diggins
2 ...

Please forward these shipments to the ... by ...

Very respectfully
G. H. ...

Monte Rio 26 1865

G. H. ...

...

I ship you on the day train for ...

5 P. India Diggins 1150 yds
2 ... 532 ...

... 1152 ... 1740 ...

Very respectfully
G. H. ...

R. H. ...

...

I ship ... on the day train to ...

5 P. India Diggins 1150 yds
6 ... 532 ...

... 1152 ... 1740 ...

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E. M. Bagley

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Cotton Bureau Capt. James H. Hies -
 New York, Nov 26. 1864
 Dear J. R. Robinson of
 Haverhill,

Sir - I have your favor of 18th inst. and have
 contents. Mr. Cleveland is in town
 & I have seen him in relation to his Cotton. He
 says Mr. Bondy is gone to Mobile - but he will
 have the Cotton brought to Liberty by Rethells
 wagons, himself - This will relieve you of
 making another special trip for it.

There is no fever here now and it will
 be perfectly safe for you to come to Haverhill.

In answer to your question about the value
 of exemptions & exempted & unexempted Cotton
 I find that people are selling

Exemptions a 49. fr. lb

Unexempted Cotton, 107 a n Low Middling

Exempted Cotton 117 a n

You have been informed that the Cotton Bureau
 is a fixed fact until Dec 1st - and that
 the permits obtained from Major Willie up
 to that date are good until used. This
 should induce parties to comply with
 their contracts & avail themselves of a
 privilege they will not have again.

Very respectfully
 J. R. Hies
 Capt. Hies

Cotton Bureau Dept Texas Miss
Houston, Nov 26. 1864

H. J. Luman Esq
Matagorda

Sir - Please deliver to Capt. R. King - two^{ad}
Bales Bagging & six coils Rope, taking
this receipt on back of this, for yards and
grounds. The nature of this order will
be a voucher for its delivery.

Very respectfully
W. G. Wells
Capt &c

Houston, Nov 26. 1864

H. J. Luman Esq
Dear Sir -

I send Capt King an
order on you for 2 Bales Bagging & 6 coils
Rope, which you will please deliver to him
out of the Govt. Bagging & Rope received
you the "Lizzie". If you have not
charge of the property please see that the
delivery is made by the party who has, &
sign

Yours truly
W. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Rept Francis Niles
Houston, Nov 26, 1864

Capt. R. King
Matagorda.

Sir,

I thank you for your favor of 20th inst and
note contents -

I do not see how parties can be prevented from
shipping Cotton by sea, unexported - If they
comply with the law by offering half the
freight of the vessel to Govt, we cannot
force them to sell half the Cotton to Govt -

Just as in your own case - You are loading
the 'The Band' with unexported Cotton. Would
you be willing to turn over 1/2 of it under the
rules and let it be paid over to some one
else -

Mr. Hale's idea of your contract is
that one half of the whole Cotton in the country
was pledged to your firm, but I think it
only covers what the Govt gets - If common
sense expected to get a full half of the Cotton
at the time, but the Sea Regulations prevent
that.

I send you an order for 2 Bales Sagging &
6 Coils Rope - to be made good here.

Capt. Stennett was expected at Matagorda on
20th Nov -

The Steamer captured on last
Friday week is supposed to be the 'Hania'

Trusting you may meet with success
with your Steamer, I remain

Very respectfully
Yours
C. C. Wells
Captain

Cotton Bureau Rep't Trans Miss
Haverhill Nov 26. 1862

J. S. Cooke Esq. Of.
Hampstead

Sir.

I referred your letter of 9th inst in relation to Mrs Wharton's Cotton to Shreveport, and it has been returned to me with discretion to act upon it provided I do not sacrifice rule or principle -

Please say to Mrs. Wharton that I would be glad to relieve her from the promise made in her behalf by Col. Herndon, but as the rules are that no exemption or permit for Cotton shall be issued until the Govt has received a like quantity I would violate the rule if I neglected to claim the fulfillment of the promise - I am responsible for the exemption that Col Herndon obtained, & unless the Cotton is delivered it will place me in an awkward position - The fact that I took Col Herndon's word in advance of the Cotton will be no excuse for me if the Cotton should not be delivered - If Mrs Wharton will understand that I will be held responsible if the Cotton is not forthcoming, she will appreciate my position and see that I cannot do otherwise than claim its delivery simply as a matter of self protection -

Sincerely

Yr obt serv

D. C. Wells
Capt.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Miss
Memphis, Nov 26. 1864

✓
Dear -

I am in receipt of your favor of 20th. inst. by
Dunwell (Wm Dunwell) of 19th & Telegram of 26th.
all of which have my attention. I thank you
for the orders sent me. they will be beneficial.
If, in addition to them, we get someone to pay
with we will do well enough.

I endeavored to satisfy Mr Hale as well as I
could. I am making good to him here the
Cotton that I have used in Austin & Harbor
Counties - and gave him an order on Capt J.C.
Dunwell & deliver him 100 Bales which had been
withdrawn from those Counties. I have a
letter from him today, dated Sat. A. Nov 23rd,
saying that Capt J. refuses to pay the order unless
directed by you. I wrote Capt Dunwell that
it was altogether upon himself & me to show that
there was no bad faith in your assurance to
Mr Hale as that assurance that the Cotton had been
moved from the Counties, as you really did not
know that any had been moved. Please direct
Capt J. to make the delivery. It is only due to
yourself to do it. I thought he would comply
without an application to you. He refuses
on the ground that some of the Cotton has been sent
forward & to make it good will take 90 of the
Bales to be sent.

Please send the order through me, as Mr Hale
will be here on 29th inst. & will start for
Memphis unless I can tell him I expect the
order done to meet him.

Yours very truly
Wm Dunwell, Jr.
Memphis

Very truly
yours
C. G. Wells.

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Newark, Nov 28. 1864

I hereby certify that this Office was indebted to
J. W. House, on October 8. 1864, for Army Supplies
imported by sea per Str "Briton" from the
Isle of St. - and sold to Lt. Col. W. J. Hatchins
for use of the Confederate States, the full value
of then present outward cargo of Cotton - say
three hundred and fifty Bales.

Of which I have furnished
in part payment of said in-
debtedness - - - - - } 104 Bales. 94.575 lbs

And as has been on board in
consequence of my inability
to pay - - - - - } 106 " 90.975 "

Total

210 Bales 185.550 lbs

which is entitled to a clearance under the old
Regulations, by virtue of previous contracts between
them and Lt. Col. Hatchins.

J. W. House
Agent
Newark.

J. W. House
Collector Port of Newark.

Cotton Bureau D. W. ✓
 Lancaster Nov 28. 1864

✓
 J. H. Stone Esq
 Fairfield

✓
 I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note
 about the return of the cotton in form of a bond which
 our friends must see over in it. I understand always and see
 on your certificate of delivery whether the cotton is
 and is listed or unlisted. I sometimes assume that we
 can not tell whether the cargo is unlisted or listed and see
 value or not without it is stated in the agents certificate

Very Resp
 Geo. H. Wells
 Capt & Agent

✓
 John Griffith Esq
 Oakland

Sir

Cotton Bureau D. J. W.
 Lancaster Nov 28. 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note about
 The Cotton Bureau will soon cease its operations and we have
 as much transportation as we have any immediate use for.
 The regulations are prescribing that no details will hereafter
 be made from any organized companies, but all details
 must be from the revenue agent.

Very Resp
 Geo. H. Wells
 Capt & Agent

Custom Bureau, Dept of Trade & Commerce 458
Hawthorne, Nov 28. 1894

Mr John E. G. G.
Richmond.

I have your paper of 26th last & the contents. I am glad you have a general approval of the written & printed orders. If all the contracts are completed with I will give another order as you, but to prevent borrowing now as I have done the last six weeks I will wait till your orders are filled.

Mr. H. H. Wood will not go to Richmond until Monday - He will take up \$1000 in full for R. B. Balders' etc.

I do not exactly know the programme of the Treasury Agency. nor whether they will need any interest Repats. - The principal points where the Govt will acquire land, will be San Antonio & El Paso. - There can doubt that before there nearly failed, but cannot go any further until the Govt has an opportunity to look on a negotiated train. - Consequently anyone who is not willing to wait an indefinite time must sell to the Govt. in order to secure a profit. - The people have not gained much by the change. I have no comment to make upon the money purchased by the Govt. - It is something to be done. - The Govt. has been very busy lately, and has not time to do all the work which has been put upon it. - I am not speaking with any intention of the Govt. -

Very respectfully,
Wm. H. Caldwell

✓
 A. A. Bailey Esq
 a secret

✓
 Cotton Bureau Sept Trans Miss
 Houston Nov 20. 1864

✓
 Sir
 I am in receipt of yr of the 20th inst and note contents
 I have handed the papers you enclosed to Col. F. H. Davis.

Mr. Bailey wishes to get as
 requested he has sent you transportation for 10 lbs, and
 of course you will find it convenient to get your own
 from him.

Respy
 yr obt Serv
 S. G. Wells
 Capt & Co

✓
 E. L. Bailey Esq
 a secret

✓
 Cotton Bureau Sept Trans Miss
 Houston Nov 20. 1864

✓
 Sir
 I am in receipt of yr of the 20th inst and note contents.
 The question of 10 lbs was really one and its future supply can
 not be for a long time, all I can say is that I will do the best
 I can under the circumstances. I have sent you a supply
 to Mr. Redder to be forwarded to you, use it to the best
 advantage, and when it is all disposed of, we will per-
 haps have more on hand.

Very Respy
 yr obt Serv
 S. G. Wells
 Capt & Co

Cotton Bureau Dept. Tranship
Houston Nov 28, 1864

E. H. Faison Esq agt
LaGrange

Sir

Yours of the 24th inst is at hand - Enclosed find enclosed
as instructed certified as per J. H. S. S. S.

Very respectfully
Yr obt. servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

Cotton Bureau Dept Tranship
Houston Nov 28, 1864

F. J. Cook Esq agt
Hempstead

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 24th inst and will contents.
The contracts you refer to are made for cotton but not used
to anything you can complete, and you can as trustee to
make contracts for cotton, provided you are satisfied the for
the same will be paid to Jan 24, 1865, and in time to obtain the
payment of Major H. H. H. before Feb 1, 1865 when his authority to
issue payments ceases.

It is important that cotton is delivered
as soon as rapidly possible, and you will please send
all your energies, and use every facility for that purpose
Mr. Summerville as requested will send
you a statement of the furnished you

Respectfully
Yr obt. servt
C. G. Wells
Capt & agt

✓
 Copies of the book
 Cambridge

✓
 London Nov 1844

I am in receipt of yours of the 14th inst. and
 in the course of the day

There is no information as yet in this
 regard of the action you will take

I will write to Mr. D. H. Thayer
 about the matter and when advised by him will keep
 you and hope to give you such information as
 will enable you to settle the matter





























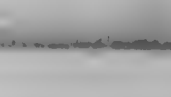

Very respectfully
 Wm. Lloyd Garrison
 N. Y. Mills
 Sept 20 1844

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I am in receipt of yours of the 10th inst. & have
been told by your brother Dr. Clark Campbell, who was
in the house of your mother on Monday
last, that he had called on me which I appreciated as the
best news around a supply of Bk. after a long time.
I am sending you one volume of the series of
one hundred.

Wm. H. Wells
Capt. H. H. Wells
Capt. H. H. Wells

Wm. H. Burleigh

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Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss.
Houston, Nov 28. 1864

A. N. P. Covender Esq
Houma,
Sir.

I have incorporated your District with that of Mr. McLanahan, and will have no further need of your services as Agent of this Bureau.

You will turn over to Mr. McLanahan all the papers of your Agency, including the orders, correspondence on business not completed, contracts for Cotton - also the Bagging & Rope & Cotton on hand - and also send a full statement of your business to this Office.

I understand that you are and have been acting as Agent for the purchase of Cotton for private parties, a position which is altogether incompatible with that of an Agent of the Govt.

Very respectfully

Wm. B. Wells

Capt. V.

Wm. B. Wells

Cotton Bureau, Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 28. 1864

J. H. McManahan Esq Cpt
Parkers Bluff

Sir.

I have incorporated with your District the Counties of Abadior and Cedar formerly in charge of Agent O. H. P. Canenden, who is no longer an Agent of this Bureau.

You will call on Mr. Canenden for all the papers of his Agency, including the orders, correspondence in business not completed, contracts for Cotton &c. - also the Bagging & Rope & Cotton on hand.

Your business will be only to close up the unfinished work in those counties - to collect the Cotton the Govt has a claim upon, and receive such Baled Cotton as the holders may desire to turn over to you in addition to the amount contracted for, previous to Jan 20th '65 - and to ship it to Havana or San Antonio as may be most convenient from its location.

As the District is larger than you can well manage alone, you can assign one man of your own selection to the duty of Sub Agent - He should be acceptable to the people, and must be instructed to avoid all transactions in Cotton on private account.

Very respy

Yr obt servt

C. C. Wells

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Cotton Bureau, Dept. of Agric.

Houston, Tex. 28. 1864.

J. W. McLaughlin Esq. Cpl.
Parker's Bluff

Sir,

You will no doubt be surprised that I have apparently added so much to your responsibilities and labors, but I trust you will accept on the ground of necessity and patriotism and for the reason that even services cannot be in requisition longer than about two months.

My excuse for troubling you is that I do not know anyone in Madison or these Counties to put in place of Mr. Coarvender. It is absolutely necessary to get rid of him - from information just received (which I wish I had known long ago) he is not doing the Govt or this office justice, and is calculated to bring both into disrepute.

Mr. B. A. Osgood is assigned to duty with you. If you think proper you can assign him to duty in Mr. Coarvender's late District & direct him to report directly to this office.

You must not decline, or you will disorganize me greatly. I do not know who else to appoint.

Very respectfully
Yours truly
G. G. Wells
Capt.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 29 1864

W. H. Wigham Esq
Richmond

Sir,

I have your favor of 26th - but I note con-
-tents.

I now enclose Certified of Exemption
3 B.C. - 1 1/2 1/2 - made up at double
Schedule prices, as you delivered the Cotton
already Baled - You will please
send the Baggings & Ropes that you owe the
Govt. to Alleyton - I am not willing
to deduct it from any deliveries you make
at Richmond - If you want to mail your-
self of it you must deliver Cotton at Alleyton.

To accommodate you I allowed you to change
your Alleyton Contract to Richmond, and the
result was that in the settlement with Mr. John
I had to pay you for Baggings & Ropes - You
cannot do that again, the best way for you
to close it will be to send to Mr. Baldwin
the Baggings & Ropes at once

Very respectfully

C. B. Wells

Capt. U.S.A.

✓
 Col. J. R. Duncan, Capt. J. M. Hies
 Houston, Nov 29. 1874

✓
 Anna Watson Esq
 Allyton

Sir,

I have your favor of 25th last & have
 obtained the then receipt from J. R.
 Brooks. Real Machine gave duplicates, you have
 & turned only one - Unless you do get it, take
 a receipt from Brooks against it.
 I enclose cert of & Exemption, Mrs A. Carson
 11 Dec - \$505⁰⁰

If Mr. Ballinger refuses to deliver the Govt Coated,
 apply to Genl. Drayton for a few more, to take it,
 & go with them with the wagon. Explain to
 the Genl. what you know about it - Let him un-
 derstand that it is not an endorsement. That I
 have given a cert of for the Coated & that Ballinger
 has sold the exemption - The Govt is only claiming
 the own. You will get it -

Capt. Shrapshire approves highly of H. G. Wells.
 he is an enthusiastic friend of the Govt & Co.
 Explain. At Mr. Ballinger's suggestion I have
 written to Shreveport about him, & expect to
 get authority to retain him -

I send you by mail today a lot of
 blanks - 30.22 - I did not think your
 anxiety about them would permit you to
 forget them -

Very respectfully
 your obedient
 C. G. Wells
 Capt. H.

Capt. Shrapshire informs me that there are three
 indictments no guarantee & Mr. Baldwin -

✓
Cotton Bureau left France
Houston Nov 29. 1864

✓
Messrs McCarthy & Co
San Antonio

Sir

At request of J. H. Cunningham agent of this office
at Port Sullivan I enclose in office \$2,000 in your favor
for 20 bales. I have mailed your certified account
to Mr. Cunningham for delivery.

Very Respy

Yr obt Snt

L. G. Wells

Capt & crew

✓
J. H. Cunningham Esq agt.
Port Sullivan
Cotton Bureau S. M. F.
Houston Nov 29. 1864

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst and note
concerning. I have as requested sent L. G. Wells your
certified a/c to him at New York.

Enclosed find certified a/c & remittance
from L. G. Wells dated Nov 29th for \$220.29 and remittance
\$2,000 for 5 Bales cotton, and certified a/c from McCarthy
& Co for \$116.75 dated Nov 17th. I have as requested sent
Messrs McCarthy & Co's remittance \$2,000 for 20 Bales cotton
to them at San Antonio.

Very Respy

Yr obt Snt

L. G. Wells

Capt & crew

Cotton Bureau Sept Frank 70

✓
Barrett by agt
Mason

For

I am in receipt of you of the - list and make
and the enclosed find enclosed the articles are
of J. Jones and E. W. Alder. The sum of
also find enclosed requested to Capt Swickell and
the agt and it is correct being for twenty five holes

not done with any certainty of the result - I am
very happy to certify upon all the list and
the enclosed find the legal value of the same
with the amount of the same

C. G. Wells

Capt & agt

Cotton Bureau Sept Frank 70
Houston Nov 29. 1864

✓
H. M. Smith by agt
Anderson

For

I am in receipt of yours of the 23rd inst and make enclosed
find enclosed find certified upon all the list and
of J. G. Smith dated Nov 23 per \$100.00 and of J. G. Smith Nov 24 do
of J. G. Smith " " 25 " 900.00 " " " 186 " 12 "

very happy to certify upon all the list and
the enclosed find the legal value of the same
with the amount of the same

C. G. Wells

Capt & agt

C. G. Wells

Capt & agt

✓
Cotton Bureau & F. M.
Haverton Nov 29. 1864

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✓
L. H. Carr Esq
Haverton

Sir

Yours of the 21st at hand and contents noted.
Enclosed please find certified copy in your favor dated
Nov 21st for \$694.05 and cash for 10 for 10 days cotton.

I have no new issue on hand and can
not state with any certainty when I will be supplied. I can
however pay my certified copy in old issue and will add
to the amount due the legal discount 50 per cent so as to
make it equivalent to the new.

Very Respectfully

Yr. obt. Servt

L. G. Wells

✓
Cotton Bureau & F. M.
Haverton Nov 29. 1864

✓
L. H. Carr Esq

Haverton

✓
I am in receipt of yours of the 21st and make acknowledgment.
Enclosed please find certified copy dated Nov 21st in your favor
for \$694.05 and cash for 10 for 10 days cotton.

I am not in funds with new
issue to pay my certified copy and cannot say when I will be
able to pay them in old issue and will add to the amount
due the legal discount 50 per cent so as to make it equal
to the new. If you desire it receipt the certified copy both in
your favor and in mine and forward to me for my
signature and a full percent certificate which is required
in payment of bills for all amounts due you and to be
sent to the party who presents the certified copy.

Very Respectfully

L. G. Wells

Cotton Bureau & F. M.

Bottom Bureau Capt. Trans Miss
Houston Nov 27. 1864

W. J. Burdette Esq
Houston

Yours of the 26th inst is at hand, enclosed find certificate of
dated Nov 22. 1864 for \$722.85 and receipt for 15 balls
bottom

Very Resp
yours obt
L. G. Wells
Capt Va 2nd

✓
L. G. Burdette Esq
Houston

Bottom Bureau Capt. Trans Miss
Houston Nov 28. 1864

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst with enclosure
and will comply.

✓
W. J. Burdette a rough census of agents of
the Government of 30 days to 100 days

Very Resp
yours obt
L. G. Wells
Capt Va 2nd

Cotton Report kept from New
Haven, Nov 29. 1864

S. D. Davis Esq
Hartford,
Conn.

Your report of Cotton received and
delivered is not full enough - Please send
one stating all the particulars, thus:

Where and when purchased -

No. of Bales - weight - classification -

When delivered - or shipped -

To whom delivered or shipped -

Please send a special report in regard to the
Cotton shipped to Mr. Holston, on the order
of Genl Pennadmet -

I am sorry to have to trouble you about
these particulars, but am obliged to have
them in order to keep my books correctly,

Very respectfully
Yours
G. C. Wall
Cottre

to the Cotton Bureau Dept. of Agric. Miss.
Huntston Nov 29. 1864.
Major W. P. Bragg has been to the
Rio Grande last year in my behalf
Major ...

I have just been informed by Messrs. B. & C. Hutchings & Co. that there is some difficulty about the free
passage of some of the Cotton arriving at L. Hutchings and
neighboring points under your jurisdiction. It seems
that the wagon masters have either not called on Major
Cabell for the permits, or he has failed to give them the
proper papers, and forward of other instructions you
could not act otherwise than you have done.

I have given them no payment of Army supplies
sold to Col. Hutchins. 5000 Bales Cotton in Fayette
County - and 225 Bales in Bastrop Co. To facilitate
the movement of the train I gave them an open
permit letter to Major Cabell asking him to supply
Major Willis' permits for the Cotton as it passed
Clinton, and made myself responsible to him for
the exceptions upon which the permits were to be
based. I have since sent him my official
Exemptions for the 448 Bales Cotton, and until
this moment had no idea that any impediment
would be placed in the way of the exportation of
the Cotton - I write to Major Cabell to-day
to forward to you direct the permits signed by

Major Hillier, and I now request you to pass the
Cotton as it may arrive at any point within your
district, and I will see that you get the permits to
protect you in your compliance with the request.

The Cotton is marked B/H & C (about one
half of such marks) - That from Pagette County
is shipped by Agent to H. Packer & that from
Bastrop by Agent S. Reynold.

I had supposed I had fully provided against
any misapprehensions or detentions in this case.

Major Cabell holds Major Hillier's blank
permits and is in possession of my usual
exceptions covering this 448 Bales - and
in about 522 Bales in addition, which will be
paid to them is also partially provided for
by my letters to Major Cabell.

Please write me when you receive
the permits from Major Cabell.

Very respectfully,
Yr obt. servt

C. C. Wells

Capt. Hager

Acty. Chf.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 29. 1864

Major A. S. Cabell gmd.
Clinton

Major.

I am informed by Messrs Ball Hutchings & Co. that a portion of the cotton I have paid them, and which I endeavored to provide protection for through my permit letters directed to you, has been stopped by Major Baughen in consequence of not being accompanied by Major Willie's permits. - As he is right in taking this action, the trouble must have arisen from the neglect of the wagonmaster to procure the permits from you as expected.

I have sent you my official exemptions for 448 Bales Cotton for them. - For these please forward to Major Baughen at Rio Grande City, Major Willie's permits, so that they may not suffer any further detention. - I have written to Major Baughen by this mail that you would send them. Please advise me when they go forward -

Very respectfully

Yours truly

L. G. Wells

Capt & Agt

Acty. Clk.

Cotton Bureau Dept Lane No 474
Houston Nov 29. 1864

Major A. H. Hallie
San Antonio.

Major.

I have just been informed by Agent
O. L. Green of Brazos Co. that Milton Parker,
who delivered 14 B.C. to Govt. free: an exemption
for that amount from me, has worked to San A.
with his own & the Govt. Cotton together all on
his own account. It seems he was influenced
to do so by the idea, prevalent some days ago, that
the Bureau was "busted" - He went off declaring
that the exemption was good for nothing &c, &c, -

He told Mr. Green, however, that if the exemption
was good he would use it - or if he could not
use it in San Antonio he would make it
good on this years crop -

Please look out for Milton Parker & get
the 14 Bales Govt. Cotton - He already has
my exemption - His not entitled to another -

As this Cotton was to be delivered to Messrs
Edmunds & Rustamee as indicated from
H. C. L. D. roadmaster please forward it to
them at Rio Grande City. Send me two gls
of Lading (as coming from a through me)
so that I may include it in their list
of receipts -

Your attention will oblige me, and save
Agent Green some trouble of mind - He
protested against Parker's proceeding, but
could not prevent it -

Very truly
yours
C. E. Hallie
Capt. Co.

✓ Cotton Bureau, Dept. Trans Miss. 75
Houston, Nov 29. 1864 ✓

D. C. Allen, Esq. Atty
New York, N.Y.

Sir. I have your favor of Nov 26 & enclose
-tests. I also enclose Cert of Exemptions

No. 113 John Goodwin 12 1/2

No. 114

do

2

3 of 100. by

I will write to Maj. Willie about the
Milton Parker Cotton - and think there will
be no difficulty about it - It can go on
to Edmunds & Bustanante from there -

Very respectfully

Yr obt. servt

C. C. Kelly

Capt. &c.

✓ Cotton Bureau Dept. Trans Miss
Houston, Nov 29. 1864

W. H. Parramore Esq
Gonzales

Sir -

I have your favor of 26th Inst.
offering Bagging & Rope for sale - I
wrote you some days since in reply
to a former letter, advising you to
apply to Maj. A. S. Cabell of the
Cotton, who may probably want the
Baling material, and will buy it
if he thinks proper -

Very respectfully

Yr obt. servt

C. C. Kelly

Cotton Bureau Sept. Frame July 76

Houston Nov 30. 1864

J. B. Robinson agt
Insurance

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th and 22nd inst and
its contents. My circular letter of the 10th inst which
has been sent you will advise you of the change made
in the Bureau and instruct you what course to pursue in
the new order of things. By the letter you will see that
Mr. Wells can issue his permits to export as late as Feb
1st, 1865 but not thereafter, which permits when issued are
good until used. There was a rumor in circulation here
that permits would not be repeated after Feb 1st next,
which may account for the letters you refer to written
by the Houston merchants.

I will forward the bill you
require to Messrs as early as practicable.

You can issue your certificate
of receipt for cotton for the amount delivered to suit the
convenience of the parties who have delivered. It is well
known that the party is ready to deliver cotton at once all the cotton
he has contracted to sell, and his necessities frequently
compel him to demand his exemption for the amount
he actually delivers, and there is no objection to using
on your certificate the exemption and certified amount
he is entitled to on the actual delivery of cotton to
you.

Very truly
yours
L. B. Wells
Cotton Bureau

Cotton Bureau S. M. S.
Houston Nov 30. 1864

✓
F. J. Cook Esq
Hempstead
Sir

Mr. F. J. Cook's wife has about two bales cotton
he claims to have turned over to you. Please advise
me about the matter and if you have no alleged
received the cotton, forward your certificate

Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau S. M. S.
Houston Nov 30. 1864

✓
Prof. L. C. Rountree
Huntsville
Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst. with
enclosure of \$920 in currency. Your account is
correct. Please accept my thanks for your
attention.

✓
Very Respy
Yr obt Svt
C. G. Wells
Capt & Agent

Cotton Bureau Sept Trans Miss
 Vanston Nov 30, 1864

✓
 Ben Stone Esq agt
 Benham

Sir

I am in receipt of yours of the 26th inst. & note enclosed.
 No certificate of delivery has ever been received from Mr.
 Fane agent at Wharton or Mr. Cook agent at Hempstead
 of cotton turned over to them by J. C. Banks and until the
 proper certificate is recd I cannot issue the exemption.
 I will write Mr. Cook and Mr. Fane about the matter.

Very Resp

Wm. B. Wells

to J. C. Wells

to Capt & Co

Cotton Bureau S. M. S.
 Vanston Nov 30, 1864

L. A. Foote Esq agt
 Wharton

Sir

Mr. J. C. Banks writes here enquiring about ten
 bales cotton he claims to have turned over to you.
 Please advise me about the matter and if you
 have received the cotton as alleged, send forward your
 certificate.

Very Resp

Wm. B. Wells

to J. C. Wells

to Capt & Co

✓ Cotton Bureau, Dept Trade Sec
 Houston, Nov 20. 1864 ✓

✓ Mr. C. Hartman By Ap-
 P. H. Hagerman.

Sir -

I have your favor of 18th inst in regard
 to shipments from Abbeville County by sea.
 Also one from Capt. King to same effect -

No contract have not been made with the
 planters & the holders of Cotton, ignorant of
 the change in the Regulations. I am powerless
 to do anything. The Regulations prescribe

that any vessel preparing for a voyage must offer
 half the Tonnage to Govt. When she does that
 we cannot ask any more. But under the cir-

cumstances, can a vessel go to sea until the
 cargo is loaded - It is no excuse to plead
 that the Govt has no Cotton. The vessel cannot
 be cleared until the Govt has Cotton to put on
 board -

The natural consequence is that
 the owner of the vessel or cargo must sell one
 half his Cotton to the Govt. or lie in port forever.
 If Govt. ships have been properly instructed the
 will claim this.

If you will swear that the Bureau intend naming
 them the exact no. of Bales owned by each owner
 so many Bales of Cotton & that they have refused
 to sell to you under the rules of the Bureau, I
 can get the order of enforcement from Govt.
 Warehouse. He will not give it without the sworn
 statement from you.

Very respectfully

C. C. Hall
 Esq.

J. G. Culpeper
San Antonio, Tex.

Cotton Bureau Rept from Miss
Houston, Tex. to Mr.

Respectfully referred to Major A. H. Gillet at
San Antonio with the request that Culpeper
be furnished with an exemption or permit for
the State Cotton. I find upon examination
of both the State Books that the documents in
the within affidavit are true, so far as the record
there can show. The exemptions were

\$1.206 May 29th J. G. Culpeper 10000 lbs
, 248 . . . J. W. Nassau 4 , 1994 ,
, 278 . 25 , J. G. Horton 6 , 10000 ,

The practice was to allow the members of
groups to pass, and I understand that this
construction is equitable and just. Under
the circumstances, Mr. Culpeper should not have
been deprived of the right to export the cotton,
and it is now our duty to repair his wrong
by giving him an opportunity to export the
the State of Cotton.

C. G. Hale
Capt. T. A. G. M.
Adj. C. G.

✓ Central Bureau Dept of War
 Washington Nov 30. 1874
 Dr. W. H. Woodbury Esq
 Charcoal, Victoria.

Sir

I have your favor of 26th and
 acknowledge.

I return you the Central Bureau papers with
 an endorsement which will advise the
 General. It will be necessary to send
 it to Major Wallis as his voucher for its
 issue.

Very respectfully
 Yr obedient
 C. E. Wallis
 Captain

Croton Roman, Dept Trans Miss
 Cincinnati Nov 20. 1864

S. D. Cook Esq Cph
 Wheaton

Sir.

I have your favor of 24th inst which I return to you.
 Mr. Calhoun's letter which I return to you.

You will please inform him in writing that the
 Govt holds him to a fulfillment of his contract.

The Croton Roman is not abolished - but is expressly
 ordered to go on and complete its business - Its
 acts & receipts, & the permits of Major Willie are
 approved by Judge May, and in further the new
 regulations in force do particularly provide for the
 permits & contracts of the Croton Roman so that
 they good for anytime in the future provided
 the permits are obtained by July 1st next.
 The Roman is practically upon a better footing now
 than ever.

As honorably man should strive to satisfy
 himself by repudiating his contract, under any
 circumstances - more especially under such as
 now characterize the Govt operations.

Very respectfully yours
 G. E. Wall
 Capt. &c.

Bottom Bureau Sept 1864
Houston Texas 30. 1864

Major G. B. Thomas

Chief Manuscript Service. Western District of Texas.

Major

I have the honor to request the detail of Christian
Eckelberg - 21 yrs. Blue eyes. light hair, fair complexion, 5 ft
10 in - Occupations a farmer, native of Germany
and enlisted in Austin County.

The services of this man are
needed by the Bottom Bureau for the transportation of
government cannon. Please order him to report to me for
assignment to duty.

Very Respy

Wm. H. Smith

C. V. Mills

Capt & Co

The Love Affair
 The Story

Adm. Sec.

Chenopodium album

July 11 - 1891

Don't forget to tell me how you are.

3 Dec 1942

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16 10 10 10 10

16 Dec 1894
 Prob. - Jan. 1895
 Very respectfully

May 1944

E. L. Hyde

John P. Jones

1950

[Illegible handwritten notes]

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Dear Mr. [illegible]
 Chicago

My dear [illegible]

I have [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
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 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
 [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

✓ *Extra Business, Dept Home Miss*
Unsettled, Apr 20. 1864
 J. H. Gibson Esq
 Quincy

✓
 Sir,

I have your favor of 24th inst & note
 Contents - I enclose Cert of Exemption
 John H. Gibson - by R/C - 13.06.94 - The
 Exemption is endorsed so that you may obtain
 a ~~permit~~ ^{permit} for 20 Bales of same number of
 pounds upon it.

For such of King Kuo Cotton as you expect
 to ship through the Lower Boys via Cooper
 Choate, you should obtain permits from
 Major Cabell & send them direct to Rio
 Grande City and Brownsville according to
 the destination of the Cotton. This
 cannot be the case about these permits.
 My permit letter clears the Cotton, and all
 of my Exemptions should go direct to Maj. C.
 to be cancelled.

Very respectfully

Yours truly

J. C. Wells
 Captive

✓
 Boston Bureau Dept Trade Miss
 Worcester, Nov 20. 1864
 C. H. P. Chandler Esq
 Boston

Sir.

✓
 I have your favor of 20th inst
 & make contents. I am glad to see you have
 rec'd. Bagging & Rags from San Antonio. I have
 also sent you a lot from Havana.

I make you on 28th inst saying that your
 services as Agent would be no longer required.
 and asking you to turn over the property and papers
 to Mr. J. W. McLaughlin the Agt for Anderson County.

It is necessary I should tell you that I have been
 forced to take this course in consequence of information
 that you have been & are acting as agent for the purchase
 of Cotton for private parties. The position is entirely
 incompatible with that of an Agt of the Govt. I
 have no other reason to object to you, as no complaints
 have been made against you.

I have not made any other appointments, but
 have asked Mr. McLaughlin to assign some persons,
 of his own choosing, to act in Kent & Madison
 Counties.

Very respectfully

J. C. Hall
 Capt. 10

I enable me to account for the
 whole lost at Bannockburn. I
 must have your affidavit in
 duplicate, detailing circumstances
 of loss in full.

Col. Ransom kept James Mies
 Hancock, Nov. 30. 1864
 J. W. W. Selaham Esq. Ck
 Porters Bluff

Sir.

I wrote you on 28th Inst in regard to
 the Agency of Leon & Madison Counties.

As I did not know any one in either County
 & had not time to enquire, I mentioned Mr. B. A.
 Dequod's name in my letter, & stated that you
 might assign him to duty in those counties.
 I would prefer, however, that you make your
 own choice. I do not know Mr. Dequod,
 and am very anxious that a proper selection
 should be made. My information about
 Mr. Canader comes through him, & I must
 leave that Mr. C. is recommending. If it
 is possible to do so, the selection should be
 made of a man beyond reproach. It is better
 to make no change at all than one for the
 worse. You will please act for me in
 this case, & unless you know Mr. Dequod to be
 in every way a proper selection, reject him.

Very respy

E. C. Wells
 Capt. Co.

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Nov 30. 1884

✓
Mr. J. C. Brown Esq
Galveston Tex

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst and am glad to hear
that you have found the place for the cotton. I will be glad to
see you at the office and will be glad to see you at the office

Very truly
yours
B. C. Wells
Capt Texas

Cotton Bureau Dept Trans Miss
Houston Nov 30. 1884

✓
Mr. J. C. Brown Esq
Galveston Tex

I am in receipt of yours of the 27th inst and am glad to hear
that you have found the place for the cotton. I will be glad to
see you at the office and will be glad to see you at the office

Very truly
yours
B. C. Wells
Capt Texas

✓
Boston Bureau No. 5
January 2nd 1894

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✓
Mr. Frederick
Stanton

Sir

✓
Yours of the 26th inst. in relation to a certificate for
the State of New York is at hand and enclosed you will find for
reproduction in your paper for publication under the name and chief
title of the State of New York.

Very truly
yours
C. L. Wells
Superintendent

[Large, illegible handwritten signature or stamp, possibly reading "C. L. Wells"]

John Brown to Mr. A. M. ...
of the ...

to the ...

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Dear Mr. ...
... is ...

My dear ...
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✓ Cotton Bureau, Rept. James Miss. ✓
Houston, Nov 20. 1864

Capt H. H. Ford
Beaumont

Capt -

✓ I have a suspicion of 27th inst - with
V. S. Hitts letter about the Willis Cotton.
He does not write as if he knew anything
about it -

As you are now on duty in this office
for one month, you will please go to
Sabinville, inspect the Cotton, and make
such arrangements as may be necessary
for moving it - You can tell where
you get there what will have to be done,
and I consider it absolutely necessary
for you to go there -

Very respy

J. R. H. Wm
C. G. Wells
Capt &c

✓
 Cotton Bureau, Dept Home Affairs
 Manchester, Nov 20. 1854

J. S. Leeson Esq Esq
 Manchester

Sir,

I have your favor of 20th
 Inst & note contents. The Bagging & Rope
 for Paul Goddard (100 Bales) & John Harris (15 Bales)
 shall be sent to Earl Bannard Station to Mr Gill.

In regard to future contracts - I thought
 you are sure you can get the Cotton in hand
 by Jan 1st you may purchase - As we
 have to close up the Dept 1st my object is
 to keep the business as close as possible,
 but when it is possible to increase our
 receipts without extending the time it is an
 object to do so. If any Baled Cotton is
 offered to you, take it & receive your receipt -
 The circular letter is issued in obedience to
 the spirit of several Orders closing the Office
 on Dec 1st - but later advice from the
 India Office a desire to do as much as possible within
 the time. Consequently anything that can be com-
 pleted within six weeks may be entered into -

Very respectfully

W. G. Wells
 Secy to the

Catharine Annan, Dept. Genl. Miss
Hawthorne, Nov. 30. 1864

Major A. S. Cabell ^{Don't} Que
Chateau,

✓ I have given several persons of Oct 12th 1846
as a gift. These contents.

In regard to your action on the case of the
'Diggins' I have no doubt you have done right.
The whole matter has been referred to the Hon.
Commissioner the Treasury Agent, who now has charge
of the payments by sea. You account of the
Treasury. - Who is there at London, and

measuring - Who is there at Louisa who
could be a guard against your taking your pass?
Mr Sampson will doubtless have to appoint
one.

The Bagging & Rape from the 'Lizzie' might have been turned over to you - though it belonged to Col. Watkins' service - but unfortunately it is already removed to Matagorda & will be sent there. I do not know of any other except a lot bought from Dr. W. Zacharie which was in the hands of Mr. Conner - I thought he had already used it - If not it is at your service.

service - Mr. H. W. Parrenone at Ingala
has offered me a lot of Balug material & I
have returned him to you - You had better
purchase it & offered it - In that case you
will have to pay for it also - The one
graving he is for as the stone - & paying
for it in cash at an average of \$10 for
for the - He offers it at lower prices -

Denoncopy
I gnate out
C. C. Hill

Cotton Bureau, Dept Texas Miss 93
Houston, Nov 30. 1862

Major, A. S. Cabell gmc
Clinton,

Major -

Your favor of 18th inst is before me -
& I note your remarks about Messrs Harris
& Lewis & pay of detailed men -

For the very reason, as you remark that
men cannot be expected to work for nothing
& pay their own expenses - the Texas Cotton
Office adopted the plan as per printed in-
structions enclosed - The Agents must be
considered as contractors for work - It is
necessary to have the work done well - For
our own credit & to meet the necessities of the
Govt, the work had to be done in accordance
to do good - No detailed man can afford
to do it on \$300 per day payd. money & in
the judgment of the old Cotton Board they
did not pay extravagantly for the work when
they adopted these rates -

You cannot report Agents on No 2 -
The Regulations will not allow a payment
of this kind to employees - but as contractors
you can pay them - While Capt Lynch
was at Gonzales he accepted payment in
the same way - I thought he should not
do so, as an Officer cannot place himself
in such a position, but he did it in perfect
good faith -

I am satisfied the Office would not have
accomplished anything under any other plan -
As it is we have saved & settled the troops for
a year to come, & could do it again if they
would let us alone - For my part, I
assume the responsibility of paying

any & all in this way, & I think you are warranted in saying so -
I am sure the Cotton Office will not do any thing but
very much to the credit of the Govt -

Boston Bureau & Mr. J
 Landon Nov 30. 1864

W. J. Hook Esq
 100 Apple Hill
 Boston

I am in receipt of yours of the 20th inst and note
 contents. When you give your certificates for cotton
 received, always note on them the amount of R & P
 to be charged the party. There is no other way for us
 to tell with certainty what quantity of these certificates
 to charge them with. Enclosed I send to you all of
 your weekly reports, note from them what memorandums
 you need and then return. I would be best for you
 to make a copy of them all. When you return the
 reports, enclose in each one the bills of sale that
 should have accompanied it - when you forwarded
 the reports you forgot to do it.

I. S. Leland writes me that
 a Bureau man has been a quantity of rope, and requests
 an order on you for it. I have no definite infor-
 mation on the subject and shall write him to call on
 you for adjustment of the matter. Mr. Leland states
 he received from Mr. Cannon of Rhode for his cotton,
 but that the rope was rotten and could use but
 little of it and that he returned 136 lbs of it, and used
 the same rope to put up his cotton. In his certificate of
 I have charged him with 200 lbs rope. Please ascertain
 what he is entitled to and furnish him with what
 is due him if any, when you can do so.

Very Resp
 J. C. Leland
 W. J. Hook
 Capt. Wm

Houston, Nov 25. 1864

Dear H. J. V.

I have your favor of 5th & 14th
 Inst & am contented.

— will be released from further labor and
 sent to Boston, with the attendant disagreeable
 concomitants, in a few minutes — Civil
 Officers will manage it entirely — They have
 my sympathies, & good wishes for their
 entire success, but I am not very hopeful
 that much will be accomplished — The
 dear people will find fault with it, and it
 will be changed to suit their views must
 probably —

The publication I referred to in the Herald
 was not an Extra — it was an extract from
 the New York Herald republished in some A.
 I had curiosity enough to wish to see it, but
 it is of no consequence, and I thank you
 for the trouble you have already taken about
 it —

Judge Thompson asked me a few days
 ago to give him a draft on you for
 five dollars, to be used by his little son
 for spending money — He left it with me
 to repay you —

I think the League thank you for your
 remembrance — and ask me to present their respects
 in return — Remember me kindly to your
 family — I have no later news from my
 area —

Respectfully your friend
 C. E. Wells

H. J. V. Hant

Condensed Financial Statement of Cotton Bureau at Houston Texas Oct 31 1864

<u>Receipts.</u>	<u>Specie.</u>		<u>Old issue</u>		<u>Lot of Cotton</u>	
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>
Old issue & Treasury Notes from Lieut Colonel W. S. Hutchins	.....	...	1900 00	00	.....	...
Specie Funds & equivalent - Sale of 12,714 Bales Cotton	583,338	52	.....	...	.....	...
— do — do — from King & Co	7200	00	.....	...	.....	...
<u>Total Received.</u>	584,068	52	1900 00	00	.....	...
<u>Disbursements.</u>						
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>
Payments for Cotton - 12,807 Bales	5,154	12	519,012	17	.....	...
Amount of certified accounts for new issue - unpaid	1662,464	21	.....	...	1207,600	00
— do — for Freight	11889	04	21,506	40	.....	...
— do — to Creditors for Army Supplies	320495	06	.....	...	.....	...
Advances to Officers and Agents for Disbursements	.....	...	76000	00	.....	...
<u>Total Disbursed.</u>	584,068	52	616,528	57	.....	...
<u>Balance on hand -</u>	.....	...	1232,607	02	.....	...
<u>Liabilities.</u>			<u>Specie</u>		<u>New Currency</u>	
	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>	<u>Dollars</u>	<u>Cts</u>
Outstanding certified accounts for Cotton, due, and payable in New Currency, not paid for want of funds	.....	...	.....	...	162,464	21
Outstanding certified accounts for Army Supplies - due and payable in Cotton	.....	...	.....	...	.....	...
if the Bureau is supported, we will probably have sufficient Cotton to pay with	.....	...	350,000	00	.....	...

W. G. Wells
 Deputy Com. B. B.

Condensed Statement of Cotton Received and Expended
at Houston Texas, (including interior Depots) by Capt
C. G. Wells A. G. M. since July 1st 1864.

	<u>Receivd.</u>	<u>Receivd.</u>
By Purchase	12107	
from Gunboats	(Merchandise) 582	
..... do	(Unmerchandise) 60	
..... Louisiana through Col. Brantwell & Aug. M. Baker ..	(Merchandise) 3473	
..... do	(Unmerchandise) 275	
..... Col. W. S. Hutchins	1210	
..... Borrowed - to be Returned	129	
<u>Total Amount Received</u>	<u>17806</u>	
<u>Expended.</u>		
Sold and Paid to Creditors	10714	
Shipped to Havana	225	
Transport to Officers, to be sent to Mexico, & used at San Antonio	1715	
Delivered to R. King & Co	335	
..... to B. Edwards	777	
<u>Total Expended & Delivered.</u>	<u>16816</u>	
<u>Balance on Hand.</u>	<u>990</u>	
<u>Condition</u>		
..... Unmerchandise	305	
..... In Transit not heard from	246	
..... On Plantations not heard from	409	
	<u>990</u>	

Houston Octo 31st
 C. G. Wells

Condensed Statement of Resources of Cotton Bureau, at Houston Harris Co. Texas.

	Bkts.
Amount Contracted for by Agents as far as heard from	19686
Amount supposed to be contracted for verbally, in writing, but not yet reported	5000
Total.	24686
Less	
Amount Received or paid for	12107
Balance to be Received if the Bureau is supported	12579
Total.	24686
Recapitulation	
Amount paid for	12107
Received	2242
Net of Cotton paid for Cotton yet to be received	2145
Amount not paid for or received	12579
Total probably available	14724
Less 50% to be shipped to Texas as more convenient than to Houston	7062
Balance probably available with which to pay the \$50.000. indebtedness due at Houston.	7062

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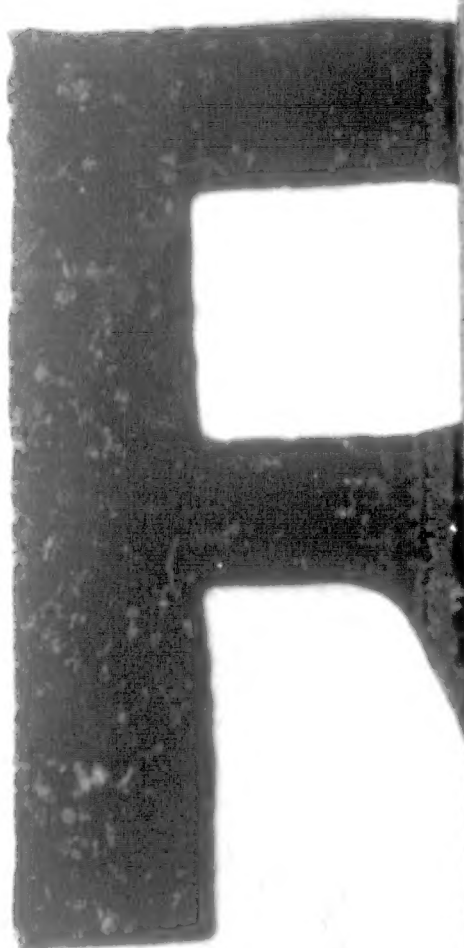
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